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Perhaps a brief word of explanation is in order in this our second year of publication. The editorial concept incorporated in *the BIG EIGHT* is designed exclusively for the informed Big Eight fan. It purposely opens each school section early in the magazine, which is then continued later in the book. This allows a brief look at each team, in the order in which they are rated, and refers more comprehensive analysis (as desired) to subsequent pages of the magazine.

The Big Eight Race is evaluated by Bill Connors of the Tulsa World, who we regard as one of the most analytical football writers in America. The substance of Connors' evaluation is derived from a poll of the Big Eight coaches and then amplified by his insight and experience in the conference. We also include a Writer's Poll which may differ from that of the publication, however we feel their collective opinions are meaningful and often uproarious.

The advent of the freshmen has had a significant impact on college football and focuses even greater attention on our Big Eight Freshman Harvest on page 52. Carrying this one step further, the Schoolboy Super Stars are the "Friday Night Heroes" in high school who form the fertile recruiting grounds for next years freshmen classes, much as the colleges have become the farm system for the pros. The top 100 high school football players in the Big Eight region can be found at the end of the magazine each year. Last year, eight of our top 12 were subsequently selected on High School All American Teams.

Finally, the magazines pre-season All Big Eight team is located on page 40. Each year the players will determine who the Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year will be in addition to the 22 man team and the top sophomores to watch.

Based on the letters we received last year, we have expanded and deleted various departments in this issue. If we are to continue to improve the quality and accuracy of the publication, we need your suggestions, favorable and otherwise. Don't hesitate to criticize poor or inaccurate coverage. If you enjoyed the supplements last fall, please let us know, so we can make provisions for renewal in '74.

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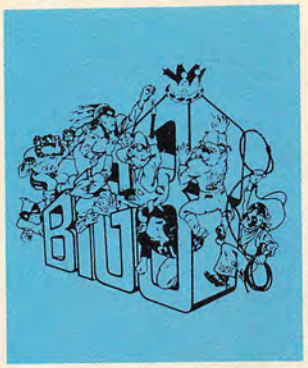

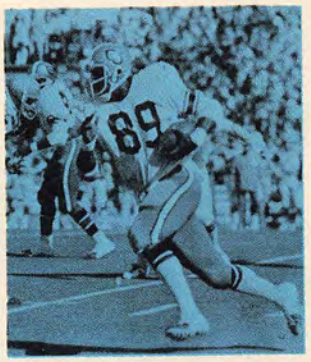

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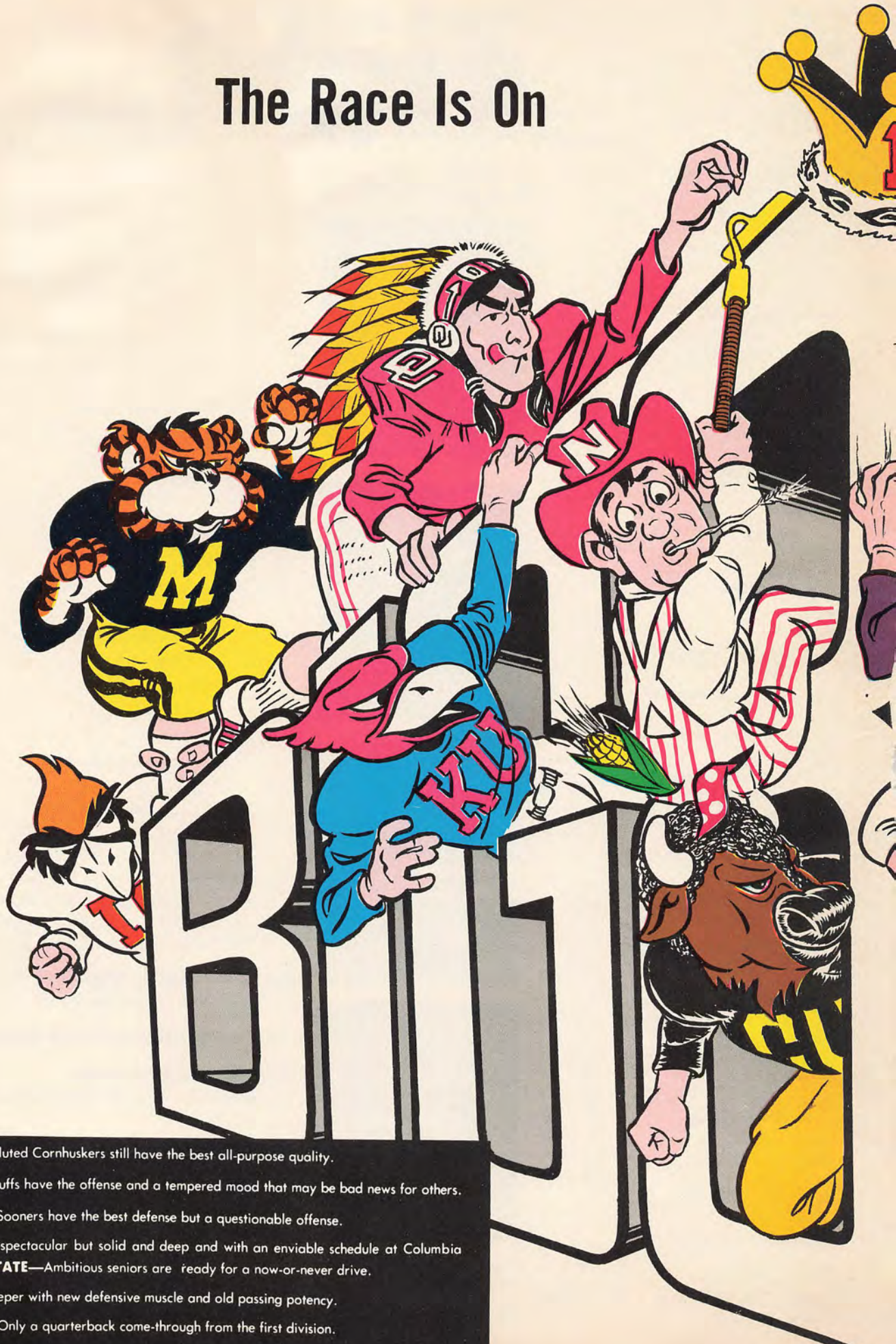

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Year of Change Has Familiar Look at Top–It's Nebraska!

Dropoff of Oklahoma and Nebraska plus improved, senior look of other six teams signals an open race. Humm may give edge to Cornhuskers over Colorado, which has a tender defensive line, and Oklahoma, which has a green Wishbone. Oklahoma State and Missouri are darkhorse contenders. Kansas and Iowa State are sleepers.

By BILL CONNORS *Sports Editor, Tulsa World*

NINETEEN SEVENTY THREE WILL BE THE YEAR of change in the Big Eight Conference, right? Those superstar classes at Nebraska and Oklahoma are gone. So are their coaches. This year four teams have new coaches and Oklahoma State has the best senior class. The race is not a closed affair among the elite. There may not be a team muscular enough to get a call from the White House, but even the second division teams look as though they took up body building. There will be an important game every Saturday, not just on Thanksgiving Day. In what might be likened to John Wayne abandoning westerns, Missouri has changed defenses! Oh yes, there are changes.

Yet, when this season of change is over, most coaches think it will have a familiar look. The same three teams that were big in the national polls in 1971 and big on bumper stickers in 1972 should be 1-2-3 in the 1973 conference standings. In the No. 1 spot will probably be the team that has said goodbye to a Heisman Trophy winner, an Outland Trophy winner (as well as the Lombardi Trophy winner) and a legendary coach.

Nebraska is due. The Cornhuskers did NOT win the championship last year—for the third time in 10 years—when they had Rodgers, Glover and Devaney, and finished second. But with nondescript replacements like Garson, Lee and Osborne, they figure to finish first.

In a poll of Big Eight head coaches to determine a preseason favorite, Nebraska received four and one-half first place votes; Colorado received three votes, and Oklahoma one-half vote. It is widely agreed the difference among the top three is scant. Several coaches predicted the champion will not go undefeated. It is also thought the gap between the leaders and the also-rans has narrowed substantially. Missouri and Oklahoma State are on a challenging level, just slightly behind the big three, and just slightly ahead of Kansas and Iowa State. Kansas State, though picked last, is improved and if the Wildcats jump as high as fifth it would be less surprising than their collapse to the 1972 cellar.

Missouri's Al Onofrio, last year's coach of the year,

summed up the majority opinion among coaches. "Nebraska has to have a little edge," Onofrio said, "because they have their quarterback returning and a championship tradition. Colorado's material may be as good as Nebraska's—or better. But Colorado hasn't shown they can win the championship. Nebraska and Oklahoma have proven they can, and they have great programs that enable them to replace the many fine players they lost. But Oklahoma doesn't have an experienced quarterback and Nebraska has (Dave) Humm. That's the difference."

Oklahoma's defending champions (11-1 and 6-1) have the best defense and Colorado (8-4, and 4-3) probably has the best offense. But each has a tender line—the Sooners on offense, the Buffaloes on defense. Nebraska (9-2-1 and 5-1-1) appears to have the best balanced strength. The Cornhuskers have the most gifted quarterback in Humm, an offensive line with the conference's two best tackles (Daryl White and Marvin Crenshaw), a defensive line almost the equal of Oklahoma's and boasting another Outland possibility in tackle John Dutton, plus the best all-purpose kicker in Rich Sanger.

There are, however, reservations about Nebraska. Will the Cornhmskers adjust to the change in coaching styles, from free spirit Bob Devaney (who retired) to straight-laced Tom Osborne? And, among the top five teams, Nebraska plays the fewest contenders (one, Colorado) at home. Missouri plays the most (three, Nebraska, Oklahoma and OSU) at home. Of the top three, Oklahoma has the most inviting schedule (Nebraska and Colorado at Norman), and Colorado has the most uninviting (both OU and Nebraska on the road).

But among the top three, only Nebraska is free from the stigma of a conference censure. Colorado was placed on one-year probation by the Big Eight, but not banned from bowl games or television appearances. Oklahoma is awaiting sentence for an infraction to which it plead guilty.

Colorado appears to be sitting in the kind of tempered atmosphere that traditionally has produced the Buffaloes' most successful teams. Disappointed by inconsistency and embarrassed by Auburn (24-3) in the Gator Bowl, Eddie Crowder, dean of Big Eight coaches, subjected the senior-laden Buffs to the kind of shakedown spring practice usually reserved for first year coaches and young teams. Two showcase figures, tailback Charlie Davis and quarterback Ken Johnson, were demoted, and the sobering attitude at Boulder is in contrast to last year. The Buffs' 1972 home field schedule advantages have been reversed. But Colorado arose from a similiar environment to win its only conference championship in 1961, and Crowder's teams have consistently done their best when expectations were subdued.

Oklahoma received nothing higher than a co-favorite vote (from Kansas State's Vince Gibson). But no coach picked the Sooners lower than third and three picked them second. Every coach stressed the Sooners could not be discounted, because of a big, mobile defense that has two All-America probables in linebacker Roderick Shoate and nose guard Lucious Selmon. But their record-setting Wishbone offense, stripped of Greg Pruitt and several gee-whiz operatives, has (unexpectedly) a rookie quarterback and lacks quality replacements for an offensive line that Kansas coach Don Fambrough says "was the best I've seen in 26 years in this league." The Sooners also had a turbulent off-season. Chuck Fairbanks' last act before becoming coach and general manager of the professional New England Patriots was to fire an assistant who had associated with gamblers. Then gifted quarterback Kerry Jackson was declared ineligible and another assistant fired in the wake of an investigation into transcript tampering, thus complicating the rebuilding problems of new coach Barry Switzer.

But there is a possibility Jackson might play this season. The 1.6 projector rule, which Jackson's transcript was changed to meet, has been ruled unconstitutional by a federal judge in California. Switzer believes there is an "encouraging possibility" Jackson's eligibility will be restored at a Big Eight meeting in August. If so, the Sooners belong in the same bracket with Colorado. Because of their schedule, the Jackson Sooners may have an edge over Colorado.

Everyone has a favorite darkhorse. Gibson thinks it is Oklahoma State, last year's surprise (6-5 and 4-3) team which has everybody back except Dave Smith. Smith's successor, Jim Stanley, thinks "anybody who overlooks Kansas (4-7 and 2-5) is making a big mistake." Osborne points to Missouri (6-6 and 3-4), and the cautious Onofrio lends credence to this suspicion by saying, "we should be a representative team capable of challenging the top teams."

Iowa State (5-6-1 and 2-4-1) would be considered on the same level with OSU and Missouri, except for a mystery quarterback. The Cyclones return the league's leading rusher (Mike Strachan), best receivers and an experienced offensive line from last year when they pressed Oklahoma to the wire and tied Nebraska in successive games. They also regain standout linebacker Matt Blair (sidelined by a knee injury last year) to bolster a defense that returns seven starters. New coach Earle Bruce concedes, "I wouldn't be here if I didn't think we could compete."

Kansas State (3-8 and 1-6) changed its offense, defense and staff "and got back to being hard-nosed, and we'll be a lot better," Gibson vows.

K-State is one of five members changing to the nose guard defensive alignment. Kansas, Colorado, Iowa State and Missouri also adopted the alignment previously used full time by Nebraska and Oklahoma and part-time by Oklahoma State. Missouri's dropping of its unconventional eight-man front and man-to-man secondary alignment, which served the Tigers so well for 15 years, was an eyebrow-raising decision. It followed disastrous pass defensive breakdowns against OSU and Kansas.

Missouri also made the most significant offensive change by dropping the Wishbone and incorporating the triple option into its old I-formation. This leaves Oklahoma and O-State the Big Eight's only Wishbone teams. Kansas installed the Houston Veer offense. Otherwise, the offenses are unchanged, which is not surprising despite the new coaches.

Of the four new coaches, three were elevated after serving as assistant head coaches—Osborne, Switzer and Stanley (who replaced Smith when the latter went to Southern Methodist). Philosophically, they made no changes. The only newcomer is Bruce, an Ohio State protege of Woody Hayes who began his college head coaching career last year at Tampa, then was summoned to Iowa State when Johnny Majors jumped to Pittsburgh.

If the conference is suddenly short of celebrated coaches, it is not short of decorated players. Selected to pre-season All-America teams were: White and Dutton, Nebraska; Shoate and Selmon, Oklahoma; Davis and tight end J.V. Cain, Colorado; Blair and tight end Keith Krepfle, Iowa State and center Scott Anderson, Missouri. On every All-America checklist are: Humm and defensive end Steve Manstedt, Nebraska; halfback Joe Washington and split end Tinker Owens, Oklahoma; quarterback David Jaynes, Kansas; linebacker Cleveland Vann and fullback George Palmer, Oklahoma State, and Strachan, Iowa State.

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Freshmen are expected to play increasingly important roles this year. At this time last year Oklahoma was the only conference team that planned to exploit the freshman rule. And while no team utilized freshmen as much as Oklahoma, every team except Nebraska wound up using them. This year every coach except Onofrio plans to make instant use of freshmen. Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas and Iowa State are counting on freshmen to fill second team holes. Oklahoma State will depend on freshman kickers. Colorado and K-State have freshmen they think could be helpful by mid-season.

The fact Nebraska and Oklahoma are looking to freshmen to strengthen their lines is a telltale indication of the equalizing effect made by graduation. OU lost 15 starters and 11 were drafted; Nebraska lost 13 and 10 were drafted.

"It will be a long time," Fambrough said, "before anybody comes up with another class like those two. Gibson agreed but stressed, "Nebraska and Oklahoma were so much better than the rest of us that even though they're bound to drop off some, they still have more super players than anybody else. They've still got a lot of things in common that the rest of ue don't have."

DAVID JAYNES, a Heisman talent with suspect protection.

One thing OU and Nebraska have in common is a problem at tight end. And, Nebraska can not come close to replacing the big-play explosiveness of Johnny Rodgers, and has holes to fill in the secondary. But Osborne hinted of scant relief for the rest of the conference when he discussed the team that is coming off a 40-6 flogging of Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl ("That game has to help them," Crowder thinks). "I think," Osborne said, "we may be able to offset some of Rodgers' loss by being a little more solid and consistent. We have fine athletes. I don't think we can expect to be as good as our 1970 and '71 (national championship) teams. But I think we might be about as good as last year, because we ought to be more balanced. I think we ought to figure in the race."

A former Nebraska assistant says, "they'll figure in it, all right. They may not miss Rodgers as much as some people think. He was great, but I don't know if you can stand one like him very often. It got where we never saw him between Saturday and Wednesday. They may have better morale with Rodgers gone."

Osborne, active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, introduced the Cornhuskers to a behavior code considerably less cavalier than what they practiced under Devaney. "How Nebraska reacts to this may be the key factor in the race," one coach speculated. Osborne said, "Bob and I aren't really that different. I just told our players what was expected of them and what the consequences would be if they disobeyed the rules. I haven't seen any indication that this will be a problem. All we need to do is win some games."

History is against Osborne. Destiny seems to frown on those who follow legends, especially hand-picked aides. The most recent examples in the Big Eight were the late Gomer Jones, who quit under pressure after two disappointing years as Bud Wilkinson's successor at Oklahoma and Onofrio, who lost 13 of his first 16 upon succeeding Dan Devine.

Osborne addressed himself to improving a running attack that failed the Cornhuskers in the big games last year. The return of Tony Davis, a punishing-type I-back who suffered a disabling injury early last year, may restore balance to the offense. Humm and split end Bob Revelle assure excellent passing, and the offensive line is 1-A at every position except tight end. Dutton and Manstedt (whom coaches thought was the equal of Willie Harper) are surrounded by newcomers. But the linebackers are big and fast, and sophomore John Lee is reputed to be a "big Glover." Lee, one of four schoolboy All-Americas recruited last year by Nebraska, was a non-predictor and Osborne relishes the prospect of seeing him in uniform the first time. Lee might start at nose guard or tackle.

There is wide disagreement among coaches on the advantages of playing at home. Osborne hopes the advantage is minimal. Nebraska has road games at Oklahoma, Missouri and Oklahoma State. Fambrough, who does not think home teams have a significant advantage, said, "if Nebraska played on the moon they'd have 20,000 people go with them. Playing a road game just isn't that big a deal, especially for Nebraska."

Colorado plays at Oklahoma and Nebraska, and road games have been a big deal for the Buffs. Colorado, only team to defeat Oklahoma last year, blew itself out of the '72

race by getting ambushed at OSU and Missouri. Crowder's show-me spring practice was designed to rid the Buffs of their inconsistency.

"I think we will be a good team, but how good depends on our ability to become consistent," Crowder said. "This year, I think the Big Eight is going to have more surprises than in any recent year, and the team that can be the most consistent will win. Developing this consistency and getting stabilized at quarterback are our major needs. We have some talented people, but we have been through a humbling experience." Of the demotions to Davis and Johnson, Crowder said, "I think we convinced them of what they must do to regain their positions."

Senior quarterback Joe Duenas impressed in the spring, but his 5-7 height is a handicap. Davis' return to starting status seems likely in view of the fumbling tendencies of his fleet, sophomore competitors. Colorado's backfield has a mauling fullback in Bo Matthews and a flock of deluxe sophomores, the best of whom is wingback Dave Logan. The offensive line is experienced and features the inordinately talented Cain. The offense is enhanced by placekicker Fred Lima. The Buffs have sufficient backfield depth to move "Jon" Keyworth to strong safety. The defense was made unexpectedly suspect by the defection to the Canadian pros of all-leaguer Bud Magrum and a knee injury to tackle Mark Cooney. Even so, Jim Stanley thinks, "Colorado's got the best material in the conference." This opinion is shared by Earle Bruce.

Colorado's game at Oklahoma in the Soonors' Big Eight opener may be the conference's first crucial game, possibly setting up the victor to play a November showdown with Nebraska. (However, Oklahoma lost to Colorado on the same dates in '68 and '72 and rebounded to share and win titles, respectively.)

Switzer, architect since 1967 of Oklahoma's high-scoring offenses, fretfully wonders, "if we can score much." But the Sugar Bowl champions (14-0 over Penn State) may not need to score much. Their defense, which Onofrio thought "last year was the best I've seen in a long time," has all-conference potential at eight positions. The line averages almost 240 and the secondary is full of tall, 200-pound types. The captivating Shoate might be the best player in the conference. Lucious Selmon is the most qualified but not necessarily the best equipped member of a rebuilt line that includes two stupendous sophomore tackles—his brothers LeRoy and Dewey. Besides Washington, a breakaway threat, OU has capable running backs in Grant Burget and Tim Welch. The big question is quarterback, barring court decisions that would restore Jackson's eligibility. Sophomore Steve Davis, who became No. 1 when Jackson was grounded, has only adequate potential. A bigger handicap is the offensive line, where four all-conference players were lost. Much will depend on how former split end John Carroll recovers from a knee operation and adjusts to tight end. He is a key figure in plans for increased passing. Carroll is also OU's best punter and a prolific place kicker.

Kickers are about all that Oklahoma State lacks. The Cowboys lead the league in returning starters (17) and seniors (32). They will make a now-or-never charge with a once-in-a-generation class. "They've got the best seniors in the conference," Gibson said, in reference to Vann, quarterback Brent Blackman, defensive lineman Barry Price, tight end Reuban Gant, and a pirating pair of defensive backs, Alvin Brown and Darryll Stewart. But their best player may be a junior—fullback Palmer, who was third in conference rushing last year. Without question, this is OSU's best team since joining the Big Eight in 1960. But the Cowboys are not without handicaps. Blackman is indispensable, and at 160 he is vulnerable as a workhorse runner in the Wishbone. He suffered a broken collarbone in the spring game, but should be fully recovered. Also, OSU plays its make-or-break games on the road. The biggest question is, can the Cowboys win now that they are respected? Their placekicking problems are unresolved.

Last year when the Cowboys had their first winning record since 1959 and finished in the first division for only the second time, they were but nine kicking points from being 9-2. And if OU's offer of forfeits had been accepted and the Cowboys not gone to sleep against Kansas (they lost by a field goal), the Big Eight champion would have been—that's right—O-State! As it was, those missed field goals and extra points kept them out of a bowl, while three of their victims (Colorado, Gator; Iowa State, Liberty; and Missouri, Fiesta) went to bowls and lost.

DAVE HUMM BURNS THE BUFFS in Boulder and promises more in "73.

A place-kicker is the least of Missouri's worries. The Tigers have Greg Hill, hero of epic upsets of Notre Dame and Colorado. The Tigers' optimism is based on anticipated improvement on offense. They are deep in unspectacular but solid veterans, expecially backs. Halfback Tommy Reamon and quarterback John Cherry are expected to thrive in the new multiple-I offense. The Tigers also have two promising backup quarterbacks and two of the league's best offensive linemen in Anderson, moved from tackle to center, and tackle Jim Schneitz. The defense is less experienced, but because some of last year's secondary starters were ousted by newcomers. "We're going to have to wait and see about our defense," Onofrio said. "But I think we have a chance to be a very good offensive team."

Kansas' optimism is predicated on a defense that Fambrough thinks "will be much improved." It will feature linebacker Steve Towle, plus line and secondary reinforcements via redshirts and junior college transfers. The key on offense is gifted but luckless running back Delvin Williams. "He is as good as anybody in the league when he's well," Fambrough said. If Williams is able to provide the running to complement Jaynes' passing to flanker Bruce Adams, Fambrough thinks, "we might move up quite a bit." But the Jayhawks, who have not yet fully recovered from the quality-over-quantity recruiting policies of former coach Pepper Rodgers, are still thin, compared to the contenders.

Iowa State's season may hinge on black sophomore quarterback Wayne Stanley, who played sparingly last year and is an unknown quantity. Stanley meets Bruce's requirements for a running quarterback, but his passing is questionable and could negate the extraordinary receiving talents of Krepfle and wide receivers Ike Harris and Willie Jones. Strachan ("A great player," Bruce says) will run behind an experienced line. The defense lacks experience in the secondary, but has a potential standout in Larry Hunt at nose guard and will get a substantial lift if Blair is sound, as expected. Bruce's team will not have the benefit of the soft opening schedule that enabled the Cyclones to build 3–0 momentum in recent years. They play Arkansas in the second game and Colorado in the third.

Kansas State yielded an average of 48 points in its last five games (all defeats) and was last in five of eight team categories. This prompted Gibson to hire six new assistants and change everything—except the players. Sixteen starters return and the senior makeup of the team raises questions about its comeback capacity. But tight end Henry Childs, nose guard Charles Clarington and quarterback Steve Grogan encourage Gibson. He thinks the running attack will be better and the defense much tougher. He summed up what others think about the 1973 race.

"I don't think anybody will dominate like Oklahoma and Nebraska have been doing," Gibson said. "But if we're last, it's going to be a heckuva league."

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1973 BIG EIGHT SCHEDULE

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Sep 8	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	UCLA at LINCOLN
Sep 15	Wash. St. at LAWRENCE	OPEN	Florida at GAINESVILLE	Baylor at WACO	Mississippi at COLUMBIA	U. of Texas at STILLWATER	LSU at BATON ROUGE	OPEN
Sep 22	Florida St. at TALLAHASSEE	Idaho at AMES	Tulsa Univ. at MANHATTAN	OPEN	Virginia at COLUMBIA	Arkansas at LITTLE ROCK	Wisconsin at MADISON	North Carolina St at LINCOLN
Sep 29	Minnesota at LAWRENCE	Arkansas at FAYETTEVILLE	Tampa at TAMPA	USC at LOS ANGELES	No. Carolina at CHAPEL HILL	So. Illinois at STILLWATER	Baylor at BOULDER	Wisconsin at LINCOLN
Oct 6	Tennessee at MEMPHIS	Colorado at AMES	Memphis St. at MANHATTAN	Miami at NORMAN	SMU at DALLAS	Texas Tech at STILLWATER	Iowa State at AMES	Minnesota at MINNEAPOLIS
Oct 13	Kansas St. at LAWRENCE	Brigham Young at PROVO	Kansas at LAWRENCE	Texas at DALLAS	Nebraska at COLUMBIA	OPEN	Air Force at BOULDER	Missouri at COLUMBIA
Oct 20	Nebraska at LINCOLN	Kansas State at MANHATTAN	Iowa State at MANHATTAN	Colorado at NORMAN	Oklahoma St. at COLUMBIA	Missouri at COLUMBIA	Oklahoma at NORMAN	Kansas at LINCOLN
Oct 27	Iowa State at AMES	Kansas at AMES	Oklahoma at MANHATTAN	Kansas St. at MANHATTAN	Colorado at BOULDER	Nebraska at STILLWATER	Missouri at BOULDER	Oklahoma State at STILLWATER
Nov 3	Okla. State at LAWRENCE	Oklahoma at NORMAN	Missouri at COLUMBIA	Iowa State at NORMAN	Kansas State at COLUMBIA	Kansas at LAWRENCE	Nebraska at LINCOLN	Colorado at LINCOLN
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THE MENACING FIGURE of Rich Glover (79) is gone and the wonderous wishbone at Oklahoma with Pruitt, Wylie, Crosswhite and Robertson is broken. The Big Eight's No. 1 pro draft choice (George Amundson) has departed; so also the "artful dodger" Johnny Rodgers with Heisman in hand. Talent abounds throughout the Big Eight, but one wonders if the likes of these will pass this way again.

Writer's Poll: Who Else But Nebraska?

OKAY, SO JOHNNY RODGERS and Rich Glover, the Heisman-Outland bandits are gone. And All-Americans, Willie Harper, Doug Dumler and Joe Blahak! So who's the landslide choice to win this year's Big Eight Conference football championship? Nebraska, of course.

In this publication's annual poll of Big Eight Conference football writers concerning the outcome of next fall's race, the Cornhuskers easily out-distanced Oklahoma and Colorado to the throne-room. Lending further credence to this year's poll was a pre-season concession by *FOOTBALL NEWS* of another national crown to Nebraska

Yet a word ot caution! Under more established coaching last year, complementing star-spangled seniors and suitable schedule accommodations, the Huskers faultered early, then sold Lincoln to the Sooners for a paultry 17 points, erasing forever the memory of similar pre-season billing.

Oklahoma was a distant third in the balloting last year.But as Bill Connors opined, "only a quarterback come through is needed for Sooners to become No. 1" and who can forget unheralded Dave Robertson's brilliant passing heroics in the second half of their Thanksgiving Shootout to lift the Sooners to the summit in "Claude Arnold" fashion.

When the national spotlight focused on Colorado, Connors noted that "the most successful teams to come out of Boulder have been in years when expectations were nominal. Disappointments have followed when expectations were high," which was the case in '72. This year's Buffalo seems lean and hungry, smarting from its '72 slump, and expectations are low. . .suggesting that scores will be settled in Boulder this year.

The Sooners wonderous wishbone is in dire need of a driver to off-set blocking inefficiency and unless the courts reinstate Jackson, a Southern Cal-Texas-Colorado blood-bath awaits youthful Switzer in his first year at the helm.

The race will be tighter than ever, and it's doubtful that even the Cornhuskers will escape unscarred. The Tigers believe only Nebraska can block their assault. The Cyclones also sport a championship demeanor if sophomore Stanley settles comfortably in their driver's seat. And the Cowboys? It's now-or-never ! Even the Jayhawks have a sleeper look.

Awarding points on the basis of 4 for first, 3 for second, etc., Nebraska led the balloting with 64 points. Oklahoma was the consensus choice to finish second (50 points), Colorado third (36), and OSU narrowly nosed out Missouri for fourth (13 to 10).

Seasoned quarterbacking and Jim Taylor type talent at tailback (ingredients missing in 1972) were the most frequently mentioned criteria supporting Nebraska's selection.

While the writer's agreed on Nebraska, their opinions varied widely on the top offensive and defensive players. Lucious Selmon of Oklahoma barely out-polled Nebraska's John Dutton for top defensive honors (8 to 5), while David Humm of the Huskers won the offensive honors from Charlie Davis of Colorado (by 2 votes). Tinker Owens and Joe Washington tied for Sophomore of the Year.

The writer's choices and their reasons:

TOM ASH, Omaha World-Herald: 1. Nebraska; 2. Colorado; 3. Oklahoma; 4. Missouri; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Iowa State; 7. Kansas State; 8. Kansas. *"Nebraska will miss super star types like Rodgers and Glover but will benefit from a solid program that leaves no apparent weaknesses."* Best offensive player: Dave Humm of Nebraska. Best defensive player: Dutton of Nebraska or Selmon of Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Joe Washington of Oklahoma.

BILL BECK, St. Louis Post-Dispatch: 1. Nebraska; 2. Missouri; 3. Colorado; 4. Oklahoma State. *"Despite heavy losses to graduation, including coach Bob Devaney, Nebraska had the smoothest coaching transition and returns a letterman at 19 of 22 positions to help out quarterback Dave Humm."* Best offensive player: Humm of Nebraska. Best defensive player: Lucious Selmon of Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Tony Davis of Nebraska or Scott Hill of Oklahoma.

DEL BLACK, Kansas City Star: 1. Nebraska; 2. Oklahoma; 3. Colorado; 4. Oklahoma State. *"Cornhuskers own experienced quarterback and key defensive personnel—the ingredients for a trip to the throne room."* Best offensive player: Charlie Davis of Colorado. Best defensive player: John Dutton of Nebraska. Top sophomore: Joe Washington of Oklahoma.

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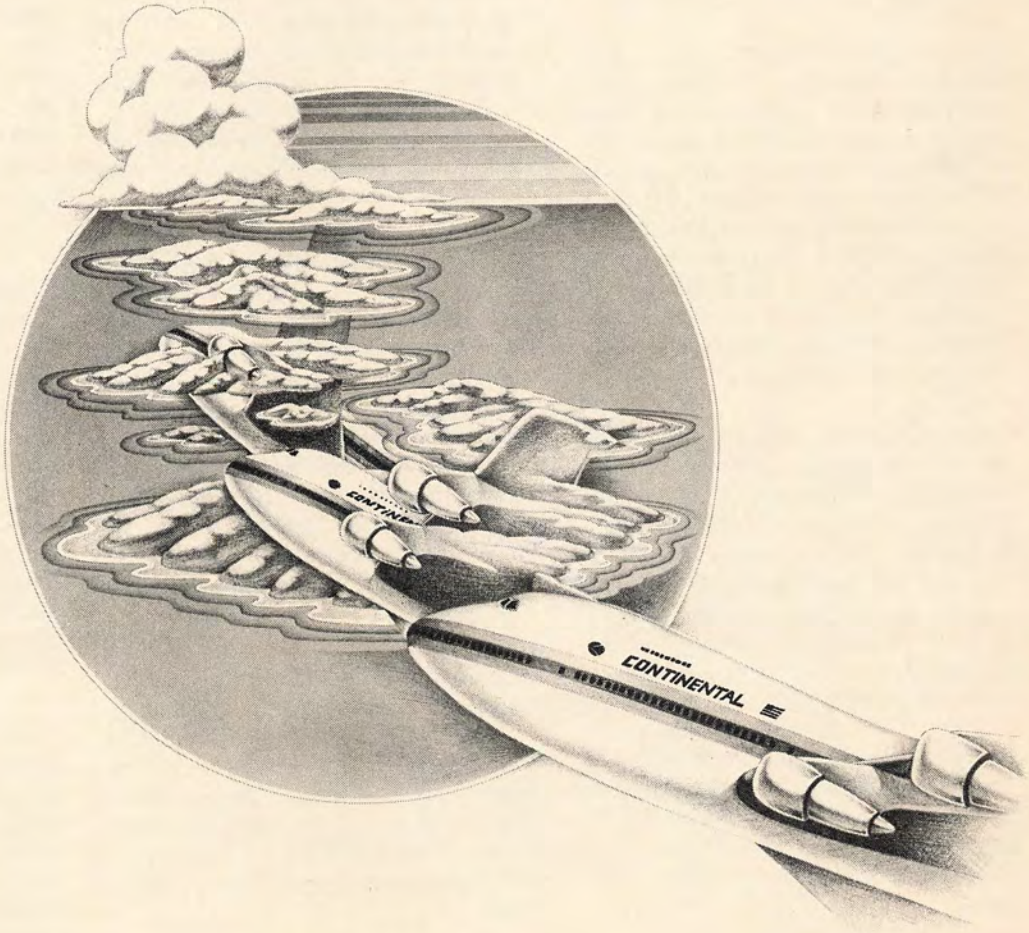

AL ESCHBACH, Oklahoma Journal: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Colorado; 4. Oklahoma State. *"The thinking here is that the Sooner home schedule will more than make up for the loss of Kerry Jackson. Their defense will still be the best in the conference."* Best offensive player: Charlie Davis, Colorado. Best defensive player: Lucious Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Joe Washington, Oklahoma.

BOB BROEG, St. Louis Post-Dispatch: 1. Nebraska; 2. Colorado; 3. Oklahoma; 4. Missouri; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Kansas; 7. Iowa State; 8. Kansas State. *"The second division will close the gap, but not enough."* Best offensive player: Humm of Nebraska. Best defensive player: Dutton of Nebraska. Top sophomore: Humm.

HAL BROWN, Lincoln Star: 1. Nebraska; 2. Oklahoma; 3. Colorado; 4. Oklahoma State; 5. Missouri; 6. Iowa State; 7. Kansas State; 8. Kansas. *"Title will be decided for the first time on a Friday afternoon."* Best offensive player: Too many good backs with potential greatness to pick one, but as a lineman, Nebraska's Daryl White will be noticed. Best defensive player: John Dutton of Nebraska. Best sophomore: Tony Davis of Nebraska.

BOB COLLINS, Rocky Mountain News: 1. Nebraska; 2. Oklahoma; 3. Colorado; 4. Missouri; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Iowa State; 7. Kansas State; 8. Kansas. *"I'd go with Colorado if they had last year's schedule with this year's team. As it is, however, I have to go with Nebraska feeling that the Devaney recruiting system has as much to do with Husker success as the coaching and that it will continue even though Bob is vacating the sidelines."* Top offensive player: Charlie Davis of Colorado. Top defensive player: Oklahoma linebacker Rodney Shoate. Top sophomore: Oklahoma's Tinker Owens.

DAN CREEDON, Boulder Daily Camera: 1. Nebraska; 2. Colorado; 3. Oklahoma; 4. Oklahoma State. *"The Huskers have a proven winner at quarterback in David Humm and no apparent trouble areas. Colorado (on defense) and Oklahoma (on offense) both have some questionmarks."* Best offensive player: Brent Blackman, Oklahoma State. Best defensive player: Lucious Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Wayne Stanley, Iowa State.

FRITZ KREISLER, Kansas City Star: 1. Nebraska; 2. Colorado; 3. Oklahoma; 4. Missouri; 5. Oklahoma State. *"It's still a wide open race, but the loss of Kerry Jackson appears to shatter Oklahoma's hopes. Impending punishment by the NCAA could polish the Sooners off. That leaves Nebraska as the slim favorite, but both the Huskers and Colorado should be extremely wary of both Missouri and Oklahoma State, both of whom figure to be improved."* Best offensive player: Charlie Davis, Colorado. Best defensive player: Lucious Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Tinker Owens, Oklahoma.

BOB HENTZEN, Topeka Capital-Journal: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Colorado; 4. Oklahoma State. *"I'll stick with the big three, but recognize this is the year when there could be some breakthroughs. Trying to pick the second division is equally tough."* Best offensive player: Dave Jaynes, Kansas. Best defensive player: Lucious Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Tinker Owens, Oklahoma.

JACK LINDBERG, Kansas City Star: 1. Nebraska; 2. Colorado; 3. Oklahoma. *"The same 1-2-3 at the top but Dave Humm should be able to carry a mostly veteran Nebraska team to the title. Colorado has plenty of talent and also the reputation of blowing one along the way. Oklahoma will be a defensive powerhouse."* Best offensive player: Humm of Nebraska. Best defensive player: Shoate of Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Gregg Hosack, Kansas.

RON MALY, Des Moines Register: 1. Colorado; 2. Nebraska; 3. Oklahoma; 4. Iowa State. *"But, for Colorado to win, it must avoid a habit of losing big games."* Best offensive player: Mike Strachan of Iowa State. Best defensive player: Lucious Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Tinker Owens, Oklahoma.

DOYLE MAY, Moore, Okla., Monitor: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Oklahoma State; 3. Nebraska; 4. Colorado. *"Oklahoma's defense should be awesome again. The same thing can't now be said of Nebraska. Oklahoma State, by avoiding injuries to key personnel, will be the key factor in 1973."* Best offensive player: Joe Washington of Oklahoma. Best defensive player: John Dutton of Nebraska. Top sophomore: LeRoy Selmon, Oklahoma.

VIRGIL PARKER, Lincoln Journal: 1. Nebraska; 2. Oklahoma; 3. Oklahoma State; 4. Missouri. *"I'm sure I go against the trend not to mention Colorado in my top four, but the Buffs must face both Nebraska and Oklahoma on the road. On the other hand, Nebraska in 1971 and Oklahoma last fall, claimed the title by winning the "big one" away from home. Nebraska will do it again in Norman next November."*

WALLY PROVOST, Omaha World-Herald: 1. Nebraska; 2. Oklahoma; 3. Iowa State. *"It makes dull conversation, but the best defense wins the championship. As usual, 'Colorado on paper' is impressive enough to confound the selector."* Best offensive player: David Humm, Nebraska and Mike Strachan, Iowa State. Best defensive player: Lucious Selmon, Oklahoma, and John Dutton, Nebraska. Top rookie: Freshmen—and coaches' attitudes toward freshmen—make this the great unknown.

CHRIS RUSCHA, Oklahoma Journal: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Colorado; 3. Nebraska; 4. Oklahoma State. *"Oklahoma quarterbacking will again be only adequate but blended with the other offensive personnel that will be enough. The defense will be superb. As usual, Colorado has a wealth of talent. But the Buffaloes will settle for being the second best team in the league."* Best offensive player: George Palmer, Oklahoma State. Best defensive player: Rod Shoate, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Joe Washington, Oklahoma.

CONDE SARGENT, Omaha World-Herald: 1. Nebraska; 2. Oklahoma; 3. Missouri; 4. Oklahoma State; 5. Colorado. *"Bob Devaney keeps telling us that after Tom Osborne has been around for a few years, people will start asking who the hell was Bob Devaney."*

BUCK TURNBULL, Des Moines Register: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Colorado; 4. Iowa State. *"Schedule favors the Sooners with both Colorado and Nebraska visiting Norman."* Top offensive player: Mike Strachan, Iowa State. Top defensive player: Rod Shoate, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Tinker Owens, Oklahoma.

Tom Goedjen of Iowa State narrowly averts the out-stretched hand of a Jayhawk to score three points for the Cyclones. Symbolic of this years tight race, no one will escape the loss column and last minute upsets will be the order of things. For a closer look at America's Super Football Conference, keep your eye on the ball.

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THE NEBRASKA SYNDROME

Diluted Cornhuskers still have the best all-purpose quality. It's not a pat hand, as sophomores figure in key roles, but no soft spots appear on the surface.

By CONDE SARGENT *Omaha World Herald*

YOU COULD PLAY A GAME of 20 questions from now until doomsday and never get the right answer, except possibly from the University of Nebraska's hardcore football fans, about the identity of one Alan Austin.

The 22-year-old college senior from Lincoln, Neb., would admit that he is not even a household word in his own home. But his stature in football is significant in an analysis of Nebraska's gridiron fortunes for 1973.

This fellow nobody knows from Adam started and played with a good deal of success in the most important game in Nebraska history. An injury to Carl Johnson put Austin in the starting lineup at offensive tackle for the Game of the Century at Norman, Okla., Thanksgiving Day, 1971. For a supposedly green, gangling sophomore, he played well. He opened holes. By the time Jerry Tagge had to have a game-winning touchdown drive in the final quarter, Austin was playing with some of the poise of a veteran.

The point is, things are so good in Cornhuskerland that Austin, now fully experienced and extremely efficient at opening holes and pass blocking, has not yet gained regular status—and may never.

That he is a substitute, or alternate as second-teamers prefer to be labeled, is a sure enough sign that Nebraska will have the horses up front offensively in Tom Osborne's first year as a head coach following Bob Devaney.

On, now, to another game of 20 questions. Who is John Lee?

No winners again, likely, but don't feel bad. Some athletic department employees in Lincoln have no idea who or what a John Lee is.

From all indications, John Lee is the successor at middle guard to two-time All-American Rich Glover.

The 6-4, 240-pound Lee is from Red Bank, N.J. He's a sophomore now. He's unknown because he was a freshman year victim of the old NCAA 1.6 rule and couldn't compete until this fall.

But he's okay on the books. Just as significant, he's :04.6 in the 40 dash so that makes him faster—and bigger—than Glover, and very, very vital to the championship hopes around Nebraska.

However, that an athlete no matter how big or how fast could appear to be first team material before ever putting on a set of pads is an indication that Osborne and staff do not enter fall camp without at least one care in the world.

Those are the extremes of the Nebraska picture. . . from a talented veteran who can't seem to see first-team duty to the brand new guy who can put on a uniform in August and play in September.

In other words, Nebraska has talent —but it also has some holes.

The stars on this Nebraska team are obvious. David Humm at quarterback must rate as one of the country's leading passing threats. John Dutton at defensive tackle is the kind of guy in the Outland Trophy class. Steve Manstedt at defensive end is the same fellow teammates insist outplayed last year's all-America end, Willie Harper. Tackle Daryl White is the super star in the offensive line.

They are Nebraska's All-American prospects —solid performers who will not need a Madison Avenue publicist to tell of their talents. They let it be known on the field and there, after all, is where it counts.

One of Osborne's staff additions, quarterback-receivers coach Jerry Moore, came from Southern Methodist. He tells friends that SMU has only about three players who could rate a playing spot at Lincoln.

"There is more depth here, more quality athletes," said Moore. "The linemen both offensively and defensively impress me with their speed. You can draw up all kinds of plays that will work. But a lot of people have to put

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Primadonas Purged in Spartan Spring

Crowder subjected the senior-laden Buffs to the kind of shakedown spring practice usually reserved for first year coaches and young teams. The sobering atmosphere at Boulder could signal a championship if Buffs open well against LSU. By DAN CREEDON *Boulder Camera*

DON PURVIS WAS PERPLEXED. Ken Johnson and Charlie Davis on the second team. "What's this big Johnson-Duenas duel all about?" asked the Louisiana State assistant coach in charge of defensive backs as he turned away from charting Colorado's offensive maneuvers in its annual Varsity-Alumni spring game?

A lot of other folks, in Boulder, around the state of Colorado and throughout the Midlands, were asking the same question as spring melted into summer.

To Purvis, it seemed almost inconceivable anybody could be challenging either Johnson or Davis for their starting jobs. For two falls ago on the opening night of the 1971 college football season, then sophomores Johnson and Davis, operating like poised veterans, fueled a stunning 31-21 Colorado upset of the Bayou Bengals in Baton Rouge. Davis romped for 174 yards and a pair of touchdowns with option pitches from Johnson and the young quarterback threw for a third score.

What has evolved since the September, 1971 opener is history Big Eight football followers know well. The Johnson-Davis duo led the Buffs to a 10-2-0 finish and a No. 3 ranking nationally as sophomores. Last fall, like most of the Buffs, they slumped and Colorado, mentioned for No. 1 nationally in some quarters, slumped, too, losing three times in the Big Eight.

Now, of course, the question is can Johnson, Davis and the rest of the seniors who sparked the Buffs' 1971 revival make it back to the top as seniors?

FRED LIMA, the national kick-scoring leader in '72, sideswiped a bare-footed best field goal of 57 yards.

That the Buffs were fat cats and forced to pay a stiff penalty for it a year ago, is pretty well recognized. CU coach Eddie Crowder, who talks about this team having a "humble hunger," admitted as much before spring practice when he threw all 22 starting positions up for grabs, said effort (he called it "total team committment") would count heavily when the players were graded and talked of ridding the team of what he called the "Prima donna syndrome."

Accept then the fact Colorado probably will be in the right frame of mind to play football all 11 Saturdays of the '73 season.

Then the question becomes one of personnel and talent.

If Johnson and Davis are being challenged for their starting jobs, the depth of talent in the CU camp must be excellent. And this is generally the case.

Johnson's position, perhaps, is far more precarious than Davis' in the CU picture. To start with, Duenas, a 5-7 3-4 scrambler who is sound technically and only a questionmark in obvious passing situations, easily out-distanced Johnson in the head-to-head spring scrap. Then, too, there were hints that Johnson had another challenger. This was reflected in post-spring game comments in which a number of players suggested there ahould be more than a 2 way battle at quarterback and that perhaps Craig Penrose, the rifle-armed sophomored red-shirt who threw for 168 yards with 13-for-22 accuracy while on loan to the Alumni, deserved a chance, too.

Just because of one sub-par spring, it would be wise not to forget Johnson. His track record is excellent—16-5 in the 21 games in which he has been the quarterback of record in two varsity seasons. Duenas bailed Johnson out twice in '71, once when the CU regular was sidelined with a wrist injury and a second time when Ken couldn't get the Buffs' option attack moving against Missouri. Duenas lost his only '72 starter, 31-6 at Oklahoma State, after being called on in an emergency when Johnson's father died on the Monday ahead of the game.

Although Colorado's look will be a veteran one on offense in '73, it will be different. The triple-option, a bread-and-butter series for the Buffs all of '71 and early in '72, is all but gone. The Buffs are now primarily an "I" formation team. And it is not necessary for the quarterback to be as nifty a runner as before, probably not a plus in the long range for Duenas but certainly a factor to be considered in the case of Penrose, who is more the classic drop-back thrower.

There are few questionmarks outside of quarterback on offense. And no wonder. The pro scouts drooled when they stopped in Boulder in the spring.

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TIME TO PAY FOR SINS

Nightmarish defeats four years ago led to recruiting woes which now affect rebuilding of Sooners' Wishbone. Transcript scandal may leave OU with a second division offense for a national championship defense

By BILL CONNORS
Tulsa World

DURING A FIVE-WEEK SPAN in 1969, Oklahoma suffered three of the most horrendous defeats in its football history. Kansas State (59-21) and Missouri (44-10) recorded their most decisive-ever victories over Oklahoma, and Nebraska completed the month of infamy by handing the Sooners their worst defeat (44-14) at Norman in modern times.

With new and rare talent plus a unique (Wishbone) offense, the Sooners and Chuck Fairbanks demonstrated remarkable resiliency and went on to fame, fortune and the NFL. But while the nightmare of '69 was largely forgotten, it has not been overcome.

This is the year a new team and a new coach may have to pay the price for those degrading defeats, which left OU's recruiting prestige at low ebb. The latter and unfamiliar specter coincided with (1) A surprising revival by Oklahoma State, and (2) The availability of the most fertile crop of Oklahoma schoolboy prospects in several years. Traditionally, the Sooners get most, if not all, of their home state blue chippers. But in 1970 they were shut out of gee-whiz quarterbacks and linemen, and cut thin in running backs, as Stanford, OSU and the Milwaukee baseball Brewers were the principal beneficiaries.

Consequently, OU's 1970 freshmen had an unglamorous look. It was, time and results proved, a look they merited.

The Sooners appear to be one experienced quarterback, three offensive linemen and some depth from being an outstanding team. They are an uncertain item—respectable, at worst; very good, at best. Their defense guarantees them respectability. Their offense guarantees them perplexity. The dropoff prospects on offense were expected, because of the expired eligibility of perhaps the best senior class in OU history. But the situation became more sobering when a precocious sophomore quarterback, who might have negated some of the shortcomings, was the victim of a recruiting scandal that left Oklahoma's offense the way Watergate left President Nixon—floundering.

Of the 14 seniors who started last year—when the Sooners were 11-1, No. 2 ranked nationally and champions of the Big Eight and Sugar Bowl—nine made all-conference, three made All-America, 10 were three-year starters and 11 were drafted by the pros, as was Fairbanks (New England Patriots). Hence, new coach Barry Switzer had a shallow squad even before the Kerry Jackson bombshell exploded midway through spring practice.

Jackson, whom many considered the most talented quarterback ever to enroll at Norman, was grounded in the wake of an investigation into the tampering of his Galveston, Tex. high school transcript. OU declared Jackson (along with sophomore lineman Mike Phillips, also of Galveston) ineligible for 1973. The penalties were self imposed.

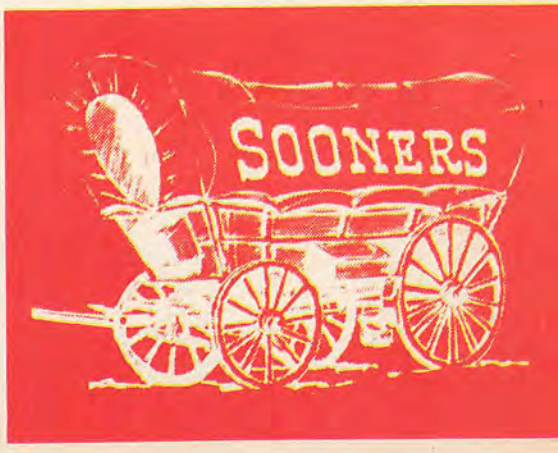
But there is a possiblility Jackson might get an 11th hour reprieve and be eligible this year. The defunct 1.6 projector rule (the central issue in Jackson's transcript changes) was ruled unconstitutional by a federal judge in Sacramento, California. Switzer interpreted this as "creating an encouraging possibility that Kerry might play this year." But Jackson's status may not be clarified until Big Eight officials meet in August to discuss the investigation and possibly impose a penalty.

This added to the confusion of a team that was already something of an enigma. The Sooners are almost certain to fall from their 1971-72 nest among the national elite. How far is uncertain, because of their imbalance. What Switzer may have is a national championship defense and a second division offense. There is a shortage of essentials for the Wishbone, which Switzer honed as an assistant and which he will retain as part of a 100 per cent continuation of Fairbanks' system and philosophy. Seemingly, there are two incompatible handicaps. There is no quarterback who has ever been in a varsity game. And, for a Wishbone team there is an inordinate number of split ends, but not one bonafide tight end.

The Sooners are perilously shallow. Their second units are weak at most positions. But in their starting lineups the Sooners probably have as many all-conference possibilities as Nebraska.

In a year when the other Big Eight teams also have question marks and there might not be a super team in the conference, the Sooners could finish anywhere from first to fourth. Their schedule dictates the Big Eight opener with Colorado, at Norman, will be crucial. If they lose, as expected, to Southern California and Texas in games two and four, then lose to Colorado (Game five), the Sooners might be in trouble. But if they defeat Colorado and avoid critical injuries, they figure to ripen into a strong team which will probably wind up playing Nebraska for the championship.

The Sooners might do this, because of their defense and the big-play ability of their running backs and receivers. For sure, the Sooners are not without jewels. Roderick Shoate, though only a junior, is believed ready to take his place on Oklahoma's all-time linebacking mantel. Nose guard Lucious Selmon and his massive tackle-brothers, LeRoy and Dewey, comprise an interior line that may be as formidable as it is distinctive. Joe Washington and Grant Burget may equal the league's best pair of running backs. Split end Tinker Owens assures the deluxe receiving the Sooners need in their stepped up passing plans. The defensive secondary is big and sound, and all phases of kicking are potentially outstanding. ***Continued on page 91***



WITH A LOAF OF BREAD in one hand, Joe Washington eyes the end zone.

This Year The Mountains Will Come To Mohammad

By BILL BECK *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

THE SMILING EXCHANGE required only a moment there in the entry way of that radio booth at Don Faurot Stadium during halftime of Missouri's spring football game, but somehow it captured all the tingling avant couriers of the 1973 season in a neat little time capsule to open and reread this autumn. The excitement, the challenge, the flavor and, in Missouri's case, the surging optimism all were there.

"Coach, we are REALLY looking forward to playing you," said Tommy Reamon, Missouri's premier running back.

"Tommy, we are CERTAINLY looking forward to playing this game," responded Larry Travis, a former All-Southeastern Conference guard now an assistant coach at Ole Miss.

They stood there, squat powerful figures both, staring for the moment into each others eyes. Then a muscular black hand gripped a muscular white one and the encounter was over.

There is not the slightest doubt that Travis saw in Reamon the embodiment of Big Eight power, a subject the Rebs have become heartily sick of hearing about because they never had an opportunity to challenge it. On Sept. 15, Ole Miss will face its first ever Big Eight foe—Missouri at Columbia.

Nor is there doubt that Reamon saw in Travis the physical presence of Ole Miss, the symbol of white football excellence in dixie and, like any other southern black, he wanted a crack at it. But that would account for only part of Tommy's eagerness. Missouri players, black and white, can't wait for the 1973 season to begin. The fact is, the Tigers think this time, they've really got it.

Optimism is a quality that usually makes coach Al Onofrio lose his normal ruddy color. But even Onofrio has to admit his Tigers will be improved over last year's 6-6 team that headed the Big Eight's second division

"I can't help feeling good about things," said Onofrio, going a bit farther than is his habit.

A brilliant stretch of 1972 football, beginning with the sixth game and extending through the tenth in which the Tigers lost only to Oklahoma (17-6), lies at the roots of squad hope. It began with back-to-back victories over Notre Dame and Colorado, gathered momentum with a 31-14 laugher at the expense of Kansas State and, after surviving the Oklahoma jolt, included a 6-5, cliffhanger over an Iowa State team that only the week before had tied mighty Nebraska.

Onofrio needs rebuild only his kicking game from that team which in all other respects appears substantially strengthened.

Not since the spring of 1965 when All-America candidate Gary Lane was backed up by Gary Kombrink has Missouri exhibited such potential strength at quarterback.

Not since the spring of 1969 when All-America candidate Joe Moore was not certain he could win a starting berth has Missouri shown such strength at running back.

And possibly never before has Missouri enjoyed such size, depth and potential in its offensive line.

Nor is material alone the basis for the turned-on atmosphere at Columbia. Onofrio this spring made significant changes in philosophy and alignment which he thinks will better serve his personnel. He adopted a multiple-I offense and a pure zone defense.

The big question the Tigers must answer is whether the defense, which suffered almost total collapse in the two final games of 1972—a 28-17 loss to Kansas and a 49-35 embarrassment at the hands of Arizona State in the Fiesta Bowl—can regain the respectability it enjoyed for so long.

"I think," said Onofrio, "you'll find our defense is improved.

Onofrio has shelved the wishbone offense he installed last season and if you could cram his various explanations into a nutshell the one-sentence reason would be, the wishbone was the right offense but it was the wrong year for it at Missouri.

Cherry and Reamon were both juco All-America's in the formation and were obviously both more at home there. When Onofrio went increasingly to the I after the 62-0 humiliation at Nebraska, the Tigers began to move.

"While we didn't change to please any one individual, personnel was a factor," said Onofrio. "And the power-I gives us the full house we liked about the wishbone and also gives us the blocking on the option." Needless to say, the multiple-I gives Mizzou receivers better chances to operate.

There was one other strong reason for Missouri to make a change. Standing in the wings is a 6-3, 220-pound sophomore quarterback named Steve Pisarkiewicz who is obviously an I-formation rather than a wishbone type. Pisarkiewicz has a truly superior arm.

"I can't remember when we had quarterbacks with so much physical potential," said Onofrio. "They are all big and they can throw."

Cherry, a 6-foot, 200-pounder from St. Louis, is referred to by Onofrio as "my established quarterback." The tough, heavylegged senior suffered most from inconsistency in posting an unimpressive 52 completions in 131 throws for 861 yards (15 interceptions).

Against Notre Dame (a 30-26 victory), Cherry was a veritable Bart Starr from the standpoint of accuracy. But on too many other occasions, he threw more like Belle Starr. He gained 588 yards (before sackings) as a strong but ponderous runner.

Ray Smith (6-2, 210) from Santa Maria, Calif., was redshirted last year as a juco transfer from Allan Hancock of his home city, despite the record of 2,712 passing yards and 22 touchdowns.

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BACK AT HOME IN THE "I", Tommy Reamon will now have a chance to "make us forget Dan Devine."

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SENIORS READY FOR

BIG EIGHT PANELISTS may be fooled when the real Oklahoma State football team stands up this fall.

Panelists, being creatures of habit, traditionally consider the Cowpokes as second-division plodders. Throw away the mold, gang. This is a different band of Cowpokes. They ooze experience, which is accented by liberal doses of speed. Pro scouts linger longer. Alumni interest is up.

Obviously, Oklahoma State is in a position to challenge for the first division, to where it climbed a year ago. But how high in the first division? That's the question.

Let's start by exploring last season. History takes on added significance because most Cowpoke luminaries return. About the only things missing are: (1) the coaching staff and (2) the element of surprise. That the Cowpokes ''snuck'' up on a few teams is undeniable. That they won't this year is equally undeniable.

So new faces abound on the coaching staff but there are plenty of old faces among the players. No Big Eight team returns more starters. The Cowpokes have 17. And they have 35 of the top 44 back.

But how good were the Cowpokes a year ago? It was difficult to identify the ''real'' Oklahoma Staters then. Was it the team which rose to heights to swat down Colorado 31-6? Or was it the team which dropped to depths to lose to Kansas 13-10. Was it the team which pulled the impossible with a last-minute winning 54-yard pass against Missouri? Or was it the team which flubbed a quite possible last-minute opportunity

With the finest senior class in the Big Eight, and a third down, fourth-quarter operative at the controls, the Cowboys had best make something happen. They're ripe and perishable.

By **BOB HURT** *Sports Editor, Daily Oklahoman*

and lost to Virginia Tech 34-32?

Regardless of ups and downs, OSU faithful had to be pleased with the overall 6-5 record, or 7-4 if you count the post season donation from Oklahoma. It was the Cowpokes first time above the .500 mark since 1959. Inconsistency could be traced to inexperience among players and with a new offense, the wishbone. Now, both players and formation are familiar.

The coaches aren't. That seemed a morale problem early. Smith had preached "belief" to his charges a year ago. They couldn't believe he could defect so quickly. Grumbling surfaced. Seniors, who dominate this team, weren't happy about playing three years under three different head coaches and said so.

Stanley, top assistant to Smith, moved up almost automatically. Stanley had proper credentials. A product of the Kentucky mine fields, he played for Bear Bryant at Texas A&M. He coached in the Canadian league, at the Naval Academy, at Texas-El Paso and Southern Methodist. And, he put in a five-year stint at Oklahoma State under Phil Cutchin.

Stanley is not the personality boy once so sought as head coaching timber. He's straight-forward, honest. That honesty could lead to problems. He has trouble letting his optimism seep into public prints. Coaches traditionally under-rate their chances so alums can over-rate their coaching. Not Stanley.

"Secretly, every coach feels he can win it all," said Stanley. "I feel like, deep down, we've got a chance for the championship but that doesn't mean if we finish fourth we've been outcoached."

But doesn't OSU have more starters back than any of those three?

"Maybe," conceded Stanley, "But some players Nebraska redshirted last year might have been playing for us."

Stanley's optimism, however, starts to seep back into his words as he discusses individuals. He was asked how many of his players potentially could be all-Big Eight. He thought about it briefly and spewed out 12 names. That's championship type talk. But he emphasized he was speaking of potential. "Any of them are capable but they would have to come on," he said.

The dandy dozen splits equally between offense and defense. Offensively, he mentioned Blackman, tight end Reuben Gant, fullback George Palmer, halfback Fountain Smith, guard Bon Boatwright and tackle Tom Wolf. Cited defensively were linebacker Cleveland Vann, defensive backs Alvin Brown and Darryll Stewart, Tackle Barry Price and ends James White and Glenn Robinson.

There'll be a brief pause while that gob of names is digested.

Ready? Now, let's move up another notch in the "all" area. How about All-America possibilities?

Out came three names. They belong to Palmer, Vann and Brown. Remember, please, that Stanley is talking about potential, not making predictions.

"If he does what he could do, Palmer could be the best in America," said the coach. "He and Roosevelt Leaks of Texas are the best fullbacks in America. George is an effort guy.

It's hard to argue with statistics. As a sophomore last season, Palmer (6-1, 212) gained 937 yards. After a slow start, he averaged 100 yards per game through the last seven.

If there was any one area in which Oklahoma State made monumental strides a season ago, it was in the defensive backfield. Imported were a couple of key junior college players Brown and Darryll Stewart. Both have 4.5 speed and they used it to plug leaks. They combined for 15 interceptions.

Stewart (6-1, 170), a durable player who judges the ball well, was on the UPI all-Big Eight team as a cornerback. But the acknowledged leader of the secondary is Brown (5-11, 162). That's why deep defenders are known as "Alvin and his Chipmunks."

Listen to Stanley: "Alvin's a real prize. In my opinion, he's the best free safety in the country."

That's a majority opinion at Stillwater. It's echoed by O.A. (Bum) Phillips, the new defensive coordinator. "He goes farther for the ball than anybody I've ever seen," said Bum. He's seen a lot in 22 years of coaching which has included jobs with two pro teams.

Alvin sounds like a fair to middlin' player, huh? Well, consider this then: Phillips says Cleveland Vann (6-1, 216) is "a big Alvin Brown." Vann, who has 4.8 speed, was switched from offensive fullback to middle linebacker a year ago. A happier switch has seldom been made. An all-Big Eight selection, Vann led his team in tackles with 122, six of them behind the line of scrimmage.

Bum is delighted with players he inherited at OSU. He was at Southern Methodist last year. "I feel we're farther along than we were at SMU last year," he said. "We've got more maturity and more speed in the backfield."

His delight is reflected in another statement. Bum looked over the seniors on his defensive corps and allowed as how as many as six of them will be picked off in the pro draft. "I'm not saying they'll all go high but they will be picked," he added.

With Brown and Stewart, the defensive backfield obviously has assets. Opposite Stewart at cornerback will be junior Mike Terry (5-11, 176), a 4.6 speedster. "He's real improved," said

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NOW-OR-NEVER DRIVE

Boasting new defensive stubbornness, not unlike the Orange Bowl version of '69, and old passing potency, the Jayhawks could be the surprise up-start of '73.

A SLEEPER WITH NEW DEFENSIVE

By **BOB HENTZEN** *Sports Editor, Topeka Capital-Journal*

OKAY, SO DAVID JAYNES can pass. And Bruce Adams catch. And Delvin Williams run (if fit). But how is Kansas going to stop anybody?

The Jayhawks yielded 305 points in 11 games last season— only slightly above their average in recent losing campaigns. Oklahoma, which won the championship (at least on the field) gave up 74 in 12.

But coach Don Fambrough figures scoreboard operators around the league won't be so overworked in 1973 when the opposition has the football.

"I think defense has got to be the strong point of the football team," he said after spring practice. "It's where you've got to start. The type of defense you have dictates what you can do on offense. If you are weak defensively, you have to play a pretty conservative offense. Look at Oklahoma last year. They (the Sooners) were fumbling seven or eight times a game. They didn't worry too much about it. They had that good defense."

Fambrough has been at KU almost forever—as a player, assistant (19 years) and head coach (starting his third year). He believes the Jayhawks will display a defense comparable to the 1969 Orange Bowl crew. "I hope I'm not pipe dreaming when I say that," he observed.

The reasons for the improvement start with a name that is not a household word in Big Eight football households. It's Mike Lemon, a 6-4, 212-pound Iowan who runs the 40 in 4.6. Always a linebacker before, he was stationed at nose guard this spring in Kansas' new five-man defensive front.

"I don't believe any one guy can block him," said Fambrough. "We couldn't block him all spring. There were 70 yards in penalties in our spring game because our senior center was holding him. You take Glover (Nebraska's Rich). There's no telling how many hidden yards in penalties Nebraska got because of him."

Fambrough is not hesitant to mention Lemon in the same breath with Glover. He obviously believes his newcomer has some of the same traits as the All-American.

Another very pleasant spring development was the play of another defensive lineman, Mitch Sutton.

"He made as much improvement as anybody on our football team," said Fambrough. "He was not exceptional last year because of inconsistency. This spring he is consistently good every day. I think this type of defense is more suitable to his play. We can turn him loose more. Last year we were playing more of a reading type. Sometimes when you have too much reading, too scientific, you take God-given gifts away from a boy. He was a junior college player and, regardless of ability, he had to learn a new system and new terminology last year. But he's come of age this spring."

In the trenches with Lemon and Sutton will be tackle Fedro Dillon, who was bothered by hepatitis in the spring (his weight dropped from 245 to 219), and ends Don Goode and Jeff Turner. Dillon performed on the offensive side in 1972.

Goode (6-2, 225, 4.7) is a candidate for All-Big Eight honors. "He's a real complete football player," said Fambrough. "He can do a lot of things and makes few mistakes. Turner (6-4, 227, 4.8) has as much natural ability as anyone we have. He's very fast and extremely aggressive, but he needs experience. We've also got Dean Zook there, and we can play of the three without being hurt at all.

Cliff Frazier (6-5, 270), last year's outstanding junior college defender in the country, also could play up front. But it's unlikely that 280-pound sophomore Charlie Masters, who figured to help either offensively or defensively, will be able to participate after a heart problem was discovered by doctors.

Linebacking is a strong Jayhawk suit. "Ability and depthwise, it's the strongest position we have on the football team," said Fambrough. Tommy Oakson is gone, but he can tick off the names of six linebackers who have started at one time or another.

The best of the bunch, definitely all-Big Eight material, is Steve Towle (6-3, 228, 4.9), who missed spring work because of a knee operation. Ditto Randy Robinson.

But if they return fit, the Jayhawks are loaded at linebacker. Mike Gardner, Odell Weidner, Dean Baird and Chris Mercer also are experienced and two blue-chip sophomores, Rick Kovatch and Les Begay, are waiting in the wings. "We might have to move somebody to another position or redshirt the youngsters," said Fambrough. "But you need depth there. They are involved in a lot of plays and contact.

The question mark defensively is the secondary, but Fambrough is optimistic. "That's where we were hurt last year," he pointed out. "We gave up

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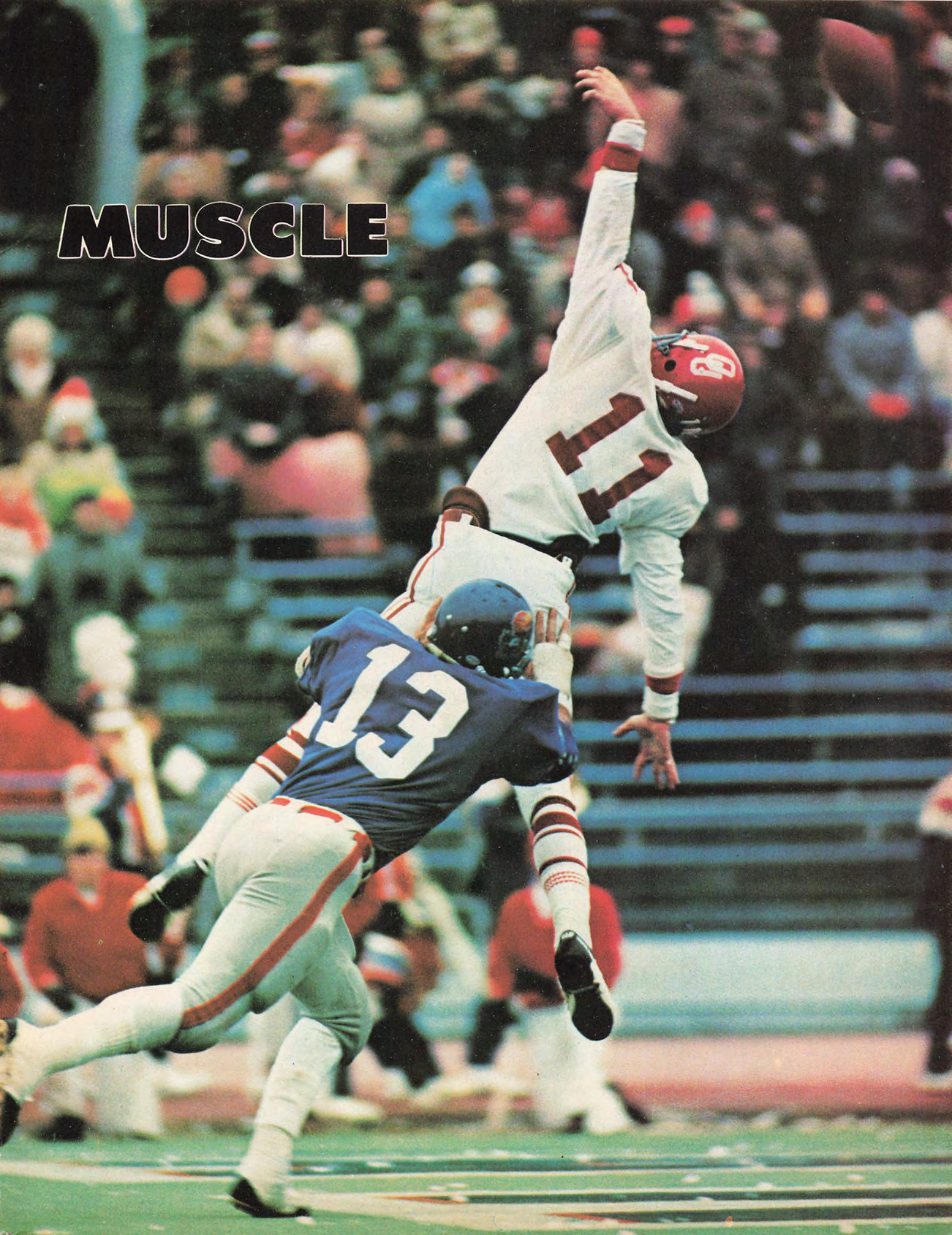
DENNY LANTZ (13) covers Tinker Owens like a glove and forces this incompletion.


MUSCLE

ONLY A QUARTERBACK COME-THROUGH FROM

If Stanley continues his Spring fireworks and Blair returns to bolster the secondary, the Cyclones could finish anywhere in the first division.

By BUCK TURNBULL *Des Moines Register*

WHAT CAN BIG EIGHT football teams expect from Iowa State with the coming of Earle Bruce as the new head coach?

Based on his past, they should expect nothing but trouble.

The man has been a winner every place he's gone. His lifetime record is a glittering 92-14-3, with time out between head coaching stops to spend six years as an assistant under that master tactician at Ohio State, Woody Hayes.

And at Iowa State he's inheriting a squad that is loaded with potential.

The Cyclones have made two straight bowl trips, which helped put the name of Johnny Majors in the national limelight for just about every coaching vacancy that cropped up. Finally it was the University of Pittsburgh that lured him away last December with a lucrative contract.

There wasn't much question where Iowa State Athletic Director Lou McCullough would turn for Johnny's replacement. Bruce was the logical choice.

The two had served together for several years under Hayes, helping him mold two Ohio State Rose Bowl teams in 1969 and 1971, and they were close friends.

Bruce was a three-time Ohio high school coach of the year at Salem, Sandusky and the famed football stronghold of Massillon. He was 20-0 in two years at Massillon and had a 42-game winning streak at the time he left to join Hayes.

Last year Earle moved on to the University of Tampa and went 10-2, including a Tangerine Bowl victory over Kent State, before the call went out from McCullough that brought him to Iowa State.

"I know we have some real fine talent here," said Bruce at the conclusion of his first spring practice with the Cyclones.

"There are some excellent individuals—players like Mike Strachan, who is a great running back, Keith Krepfle at tight end and Larry Hunt on defense.

"Now we must put everything together as a team. That's our big problem. We installed a new offense and new defense, and when you do that you have to have a lot of patience because it's going to take time for us to jell."

Bruce plans to combine the best features of two systems in both his offensive and defensive strategy.

The offense will be mostly the Houston Veer, which resembles the triple-option attack so many colleges are using, plus some plays off the basic I-formation.

Defensively, the Cyclones will line up in a five-man front that can quickly become a four-man line, or vice versa, depending on how the middle linebacker chooses to play. This important job will be in the hands of Lawrence (Big Daddy) Hunt, who has been converted from defensive tackle.

Iowa State suffered one huge loss from last year's Liberty Bowl team with the graduation of quarterback George Amundson, the Big Eight leader in total offense.

Can an adequate replacement be found? That's the key question for '73. If the answer turns out to be yes, then this team could be a darkhorse title contender.

Until tailing off near the end of last season to finish 5-6-1, the Cyclones were almost on a par with the league's best, playing close games with Oklahoma and Colorado amd battling Nebraska to a 23-23 tie.

Fifteen starters return from that outfit, eight on offense and seven on defense.

Bruce and his staff left no base untouched in their search for quarterback material.

When spring drills began, there were two junior-college transfers, Tom Mason from Nassau, N.Y., Community College, and Bill Flannagan from West Los Angeles, Calif.; a transfer from Tennessee, Dan Fletcher; an unlettered senior, Bill Miller, and two freshmen, Wayne Stanley and Bobby Martin, all in a wideopen scramble for the job.

It was an interesting race, but when they reached the finish of spring practice Stanley had pulled away to a clear lead.

The rookie from Belle Glade, Fla., was the star of the intrasquad windup,

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SHERM MILLER (73) received All Big Eight recognition from the league coaches

THE SUMMIT

SCARRED SENIORS WITH

"If we're picked to finish last, it's going to be a heckuva league."

By DEL BLACK *Kansas City Star*

STAGGERED BY A 3-8 RECORD in 1972, Kansas State has regrouped for another battle for survival in the Big Eight Conference. And if the Wildcats live through this season it will have been a war within the ranks that turned the tide.

"We'll be better," says Coach Vince Gibson, harried, but relaxed after a struggle with angry alumni, and more importantly, with himself. "We've got our toughness back. There's a different-type attitude here and the players like it better.

"We built this program on toughness and discipline. We lost that last year and look what happened."

Gibson hasn't dodged the howling 'Cat followers. "I'm to blame," he conceded from mid-season. "I don't think I did a good job. I used to work night and day. I tried to ease up. And found out I can't at Kansas State. I paid the price.

"I had a talk with Frank Broyles (Arkansas coach) the other day. He said he did the same thing. And look what happened to them last season.

"I've been punished for it. I learned I can't do things the easy way. Look at the K-State teams we've had in the past. All of them had great toughness and took a lot of pride in it. This team ('72) had no pride in bein' tough because we didn't coach tough. The kids we've had here that go into the pros all come back and tell us they felt they worked harder here than anybody else. It gave 'em confidence. The team lost its confidence. The mental part is such a big factor in football."

So how has Gibson, beginning his seventh season at the head-coaching helm, prepared his team for '73 combat?

He made wide-sweeping changes in his coaching staff. Bob Weber, former head coach at the University of Arizona, was hired as offensive coordinator to replace Don Powell, on whom the alumni vented most of their wrath for the '72 collapse.

Tom Dimitroff was lured from Miami of Ohio as offensive backfield coach to replace Bobby Jackson, who took up the overall defensive reins, plus linebackers when Joe Madden fled to Pittsburgh to be with Johnny Majors.

Long before the opening whistle, it is apparent Gibson has assembled a sound staff that has developed a solid rapport with the players that was alarmingly lacking last season.

With 16 returning starters among 31 lettermen, the coaches aren't exactly starting from scratch. But realistically, they started all over during the spring and Gibson believes his major objectives were reached.

"We worked harder this spring than in past years simply because we're looking for mental and physical toughness," he says. "For the most part, I think we've accomplished this."

But the 'Cats began anew in another way.

They installed the Houston-veer offense, deserting the pro-type offense and building around a fine running quarterback in Steve Grogan, a 6-4, 200-pounder. Defensively they went back to the "fifty" defense—or a 5-4 alignment.

"Grogan is a quarterback who can run," Gibson says. "We've split our backs; we believe we have 5-6 good backs. They're not big, but with this offense they won't have to carry a blocking load. We believe this offense better fits our personnel."

The 'Cats are counting on veterans Isaac Jackson and Don Calhoun. They accounted for 1,207 of the anemic 1,354-yard total that was the rock-bottom of the Big Eight rushing chart. Dave Specht, a junior with limited experience, and sophomores Regan Steiner and Greg Whelan and veteran Bill Holman (177 yards in '72) round out the stable.

Vital in pulling off the Wildcats' "keep-it-simple" attack is development —or discovery—of a game-breaking wide receiver. Fred Merrill, a :04.5 40-yard man and an outstanding track performer with 6-2, 185 size, can fill the order.

"We missed him greatly last season," Gibson adds, and is quickly seconded by Henry Childs, the veteran tight end who never got started and seldom broke loose with 33 catches for 467 yards.

Merrill, who as a sophomore caught 16 aerials for 274 yards (one for 56) despite not reporting until mid-season, didn't play last season because of a foot injury. Josh Washington, a :09.5 sprinter who returns in '73, was a junior college transfer and wasn't thrown into the breach until late, and John Tuttle, another touted juco, was sidelined throughout with an ankle problem.

The 'Cats have recruited Leonard Willis, a :09.4 flier, and he could fit in quickly. So could Dean Milliams, who has turned :09.3 and was red-shirted

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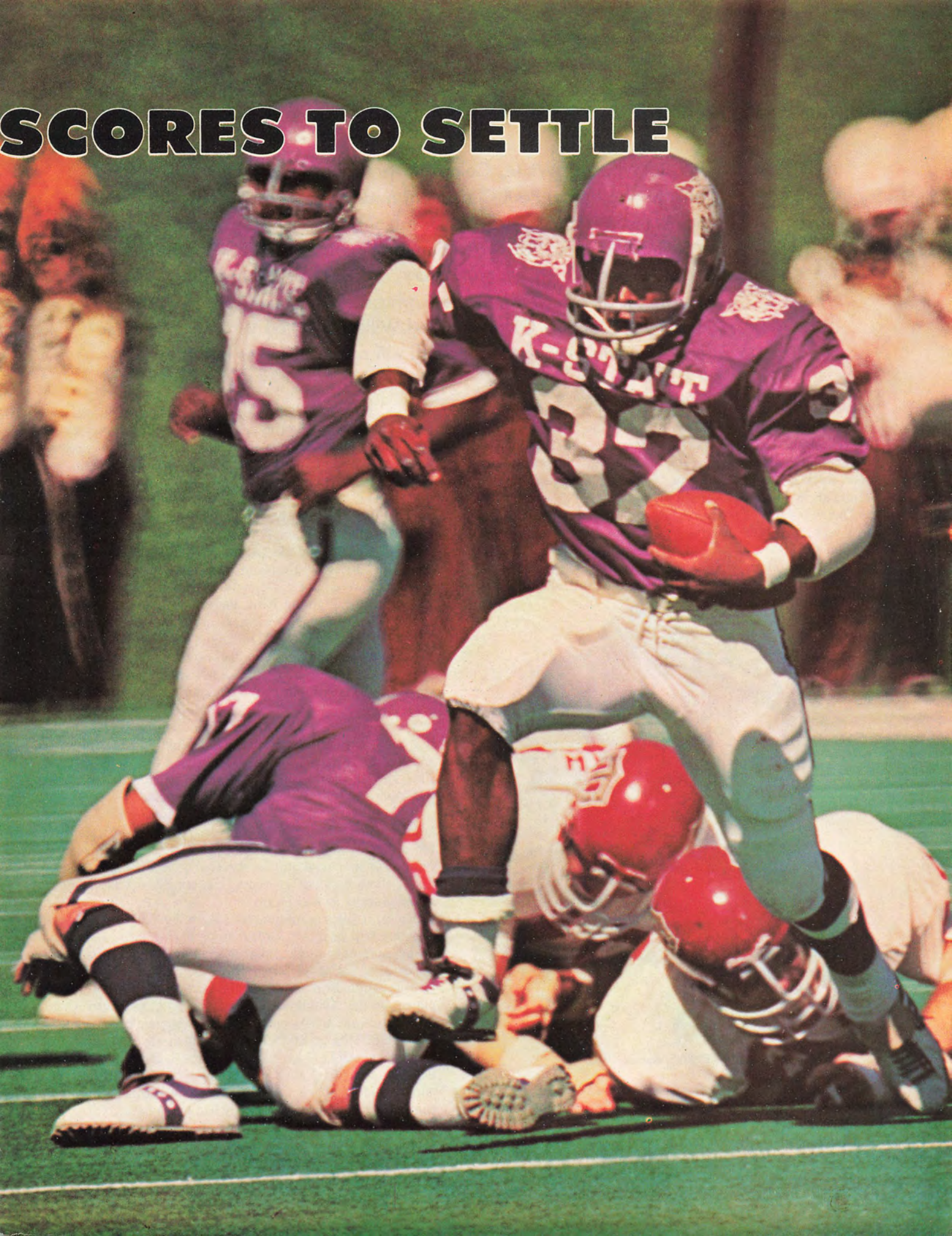
DON CALHOUN (32): a purple blur with a motor in his seat, breaks for a big gain

SCORES TO SETTLE



At a time when the Big Eight **LEGENDS** *generally*

Byron (Whizzer) White, Colorado: probably the most famous scholar-athlete of all time; Paul Christman, Missouri: the "Merry Magician" still holds the Mizzou record for total offense and led the pro football Cardinals to their last two championships in '47 and '48; Bobby Reynolds, Nebraska: but for an injury, would have been a three-time All American at a time when the Cornhuskers had awfully lean football; Tommy McDonald, Oklahoma: led Wilkinson's Red Wreckers on a record 47 game winning streak which will probably never be broken.

By BOB BROEG *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

AT A TIME WHEN THE BIG EIGHT generally is regarded as the toughest college football conference in the country, only a middle-aged smart aleck or an aging athletic ostrich, head stuck in the sands of time, would dare suggest that the Midlands had better players in the past than at the present.

That would be a full-fledged absurdity if only because two years ago, for instance, three Big Eight teams—Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado—finished 1-2-3 nationally in a final-season press poll. And last season Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, Missouri and Iowa State all qualified for bowl games.

RAY EVANS, Kansas, 1945-47

For that matter, Oklahoma State, which defeated Colorado, Missouri and Iowa State, had good reason to wonder what 'n hell a team had to do to get a post-season invitation.

The clincher for the current generation, of course, is that twice in the last four years the Heisman Trophy winner has come out of the conference to which this book is dedicated. Steve Owens, now starring for the Detroit Lions, was a rugged, foot-in-the-face fella for Oklahoma for three seasons through 1969 and Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska's jack-in-the-box, reversepedaled into end zones with spectacular running the last three years.

Only once previously, back in 1952, had a Big Eight back won the Heisman Trophy, the Holy Grail of college football. That would be Oklahoma's Billy Vessels, a brilliant ball-carrier who spearheaded the Sooners at a time when they were unbeatable by all except Notre Dame.

Against the Fighting Irish, then outstanding under Frank Leahy, Vessels capped his career in the only losing game of his senior year. In a 27-21 classic won by Notre Dame, Vessels, who could throw the ball as well as run from it as a Split-T halfback, scored Oklahoma's three touchdowns and surged 195 yards in 15 trys. That's an eye-bulging 11.5 average.

The point is that before Vessels and since, the Big Eight has had topflight talent. One I'll certainly never forget—and I can't go back as far as Nebraska's Glenn Presnell or Blue Howell—was the Cornhuskers' lefthanded, leftfooted All-American fullback of 1936, Sam Francis.

But not even Francis captures the fancy as a legend around whom the nostalgia grows and grows. At Kansas, for instance, not even All-America Gale Sayers, back on campus as associate athletic director after a sensational pro career short-circuited by injury, can conjure up the memory as delightfully as Ray Evans.

Maybe it takes more time to make a legend, which Sayers certainly will be at Mt. Oread, or perhaps it takes a championship aura to spotlight a player's individual performances.

For one, I'll never forget Iowa State's recently departed George Amundson as one of the best all-purpose offensive players in the conference, a big kid who helped turn Ames from also-ran into contender. Oklahoma State's Brent Blackman, still at Stillwater, did much the same for the Cowpokes. And, to go back to where I came into the old Big Six, as it was called in the mid-30's, Kansas State certainly wouldn't have slumbered so long on the gridiron if Elmer (One-Man Gang) Hackney had had a twin.

As for Evans, he was the kind of whom legends are made. Now a successful banker in Kansas City alumnus, Ray reigns as the extreme rarity of an All-America both in basketball and in football.

is regarded as the toughest college football conference in the country, only a middle-aged smart aleck

When he returned to the river Kaw from World War II, he led the Jayhawks out of the football depths, playing with the poise and purpose of an older athlete whose confidence was contagious.

Evans, named to the All-Time KU backfield with John Hadl, Curtis McClinton and Sayers in a 1969 poll of fans, is remembered for many things, but these two stand out for me:

In 1946 at Columbia, as Kansas beat Don Faurot for the first time, the Crimson and Blue owed an exciting one-point victory, 20-19, entirely to Evans, particularly to his efforts on the final play of the first half. Fading to pass and finding no receivers, Ray threaded his way through a broken field to score—after the gun.

That one gave Kansas a half-share of its first league title since Jarrin' Jim Bausch back in 1930. As mentioned here a year ago, the Jayhawks deserved some kind of a medal for their 16-13 victory in '46 over Oklahoma. The Sooners didn't lose in the league again for 73 games and 13 years.

In '47, however, Kansas again shared the championship with Oklahoma after tying Bud Wilkinson's first Sooner squad, 13-13. But if George Sauer's Hawks had lost the season windup at Lawrence against Missouri, the Tigers would have claimed a title tie.

Missouri led until the final minutes, 14-13, and had fourth down and a yard at the KU 4-yard line when quarterback Bus Entsminger pitched out to halfback Nick Carras, who seemed headed for a touchdown, much less first down. From nowhere, however, Forrest Griffith, a Missourian in the Kansas backfield, came up and threw out a hand to trip up Carras short of first down.

Evans, taking over, looked back over his shoulder at the clock. Quickly, methodically, always checking the time, the KU captain led his team down the field, throwing just twice, as I remember. With the clock ticking into its final minute, Evans lunged over for the touchdown and a 20-14 triumph that took Kansas to the Orange Bowl.

A school's infrequency in the football limelight does add luster to a legend. Take,for instance, the case of Oklahoma State and Bob Fenimore.

Fenimore, now district manager for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, is a former deacon and elder of the Presbyterian church in Stillwater, where he has been active in civic, youth and even alumni activities. Fenimore's only weakness is that he ran out of eligibility with the Cowpokes, for whom he was a consensus All-American in 1944 and '45.

Until the recent rumble by the Orange and Black in football, OSU for years was known nationally in sports only for Henry Iba's famous basketball Aggies and for a perennial wrestling contender and other assorted athletic honors.

The football glory was 'way back there in World War II when a kid named Fenimore from Woodward, Okla., led Jim Lookabaugh's teams to 21 consecutive collegiate victories, including a cotton bowl romp over Texas Christian in 1944, 34-0, and a Sugar Bowl breeze over St. Mary's of California in '45, 33-13.

Fenimore scored 33 touchdowns and 208 points in four varsity seasons at Stillwater. He rushed and passed for 1963 yards in one season (1944) and for 5099 in four years as triple-threat tailback in the old single wing formation, which demanded a versatile athlete as the set back taking the direct snap from center.

In the bowl game spotlight the 6-1, 190-pound Fenimore was as good as advertised. In the Cotton Bowl he carried 16 times for 63 yards, completed six of 13 passes for 136 yards, returned three punts for 46 yards, scored two touchdowns, punted five times and also intercepted a pass.

Good, eh? As Al Jolson used to say, you ain't heard nuthin' yet, folks. In the Sugar Bowl Fenimore carried 25

BYRON (WHIZZER) WHITE, Colorado, 1935-37

times for 125 yards and two touchdowns. He completed four of 11 passes for 76 yards. He punted four times, averaging 53.2 yards, and picked off two St. Mary's passes.

Personally—and, after all, this is strictly one man's opinion—my own dream-team backfield of the Big Eight past would be composed of Colorado's Byron (Whizzer) White, 1935-37; Missouri's Paul Christman, 1938-40; Nebraska's Bobby Reynolds, 1950-52; and Oklahoma's Tommy McDonald, 1954-56.

They might not have been the best, though every one of them was very, very good. All were colorful and at least three went on to unusual accomplishments.

If you want to nit-pick and insist that Colorado wasn't even in the conference in Whizzer White's day, you're right, but to omit the Rhodes Scholar of the Rockies would be to deprive the league of a connection of which it is most proud. How many other football players ever went on to become justices of the United States Supreme Court?

The Whizzer from Wellington came out of the Colorado beet fields in the Depression to work his way through col-

or an aging athletic ostrich, would dare to suggest that the Midlands had

TOMMY McDONALD, Oklahoma, 1954-56

lege. He slept in a basement at Boulder and stuck that broken nose to the grindstone both academically and athletically. He was an excellent all-round athlete, not just a dazzling ball-carrier who led Bunny Oakes' Buffs to a Cotton Bowl date with Rice after the 1937 season.

A Phi Beta Kappa in college, White turned to pro football for a purpose, meaning the money that would pay his way through the Yale law school. He was so good that he was paid $15,000 in 1938 by the Pittsburgh Steelers when 15 grand was big money to anyone, most certainly to Art Rooney.

Rooney and the Supreme Court Justice are good friends. So, too, is the Whizzer and the legendary pro football figure, Johnny (Blood) McNally, who was his first pro coach. McNally, a scholarly character quite apart from his escapades as the Vagabond Halfback, stumped the country last

BOBBY REYNOLDS, Nebraska, 1950-52

fall to get friend White's name before the public as a presidential candidate for 1976.

When Rooney couldn't continue to pay the Colorado All America's salary—Byron, by the way, finished second to Yale's Clint Frank in voting for the 1937 Heisman Trophy—he traded him to Detroit. For Potsy Clark's Lions, the Whizzer led the National Football League in ground gaining.

Graduating magna cum laude from the Yale law school, White was a war hero, albeit an extremely modest one, which is his quiet way. Twice, he was on ships that were hit in the South Pacific. And the most famous scholar-athlete was credited by biographer Alfred Wright with naval intelligence by which Admiral William (Bull) Halsey's Third Fleet located an elusive Japanese carrier force in the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

Byron R. White would have been a winner even if he'd never scored any of 122 single-season points at Colorado. In pro football against the Chicago Cardinals one day, he intercepted a pass and ran 81 yards for a first-quarter touchdown, returned a punt 64 yards for another score, punted twice for more than 64 yards each, passed 24 yards for a touchdown and, as always, defended strongly.

If the Whizzer had played pro football longer, they believe he would have rewritten pro football records. If Reynolds hadn't been hurt, Nebraska might have had a three-time All-America at a time when it had little else.

It's hard now to think of the Cornhuskers as undefeated in football, but it's a fact that from Biff Jones' Rose Bowl team of 1940 until Bob Devaney came along to take the Huskers immediately to the Gotham Bowl in '62, Nebraska had it awfully *lean* in football.

A breath of fresh air out there on the Plains, where they really don't need it, was Reynolds, now a successful insurance executive in Lincoln, but then an athlete good enough to have made it in either big league football or baseball if he hadn't been plagued by injuries.

However, when he was a sophomore in 1950—and how many sophs have you seen make All-America?—he led Bill Glassford's team to a 6-2-1 record with simply dandy gridiron derring-do.

The Grand Island guy gained Nebraska single-season records of 1342 yards rushing and 157 points, including 22 touchdowns, en route to career marks of 2196 yards on the ground, 211 points and 22 TDs.

One of them was, I believe, probably the most spectacular play I ever saw—or thousands of others who were in Lincoln's Memorial Stadium for the 1950 Missouri-Nebraska game.

With six minutes left in a high-scoring contest, the Cornhuskers had fourth down, short yardage to go, and here's what happened:

Reynolds, taking a pitchout wide, was trapped behind the line. About to be tackled, he swung back in the other direc-

better players in the past than at the present. Nevertheless, our dream team backfield is composed of

tion, only to be met by the other Missouri end. So he reversed his field, again retreating and dropping nearly 30 yards behind the line of scrimmage.

To assess his situation, which had gone from bad to worse, he sprinted backward to get a good look at his plight from his own 40. Then, he hand-faked one guy, swivel-hipped another, cut to the sidelines, picked up a block here, sidestepped a tackler there and turned an apparent 30-yard loss into a 60-yard run for a touchdown that won the game, 40-34.

Tommy McDonald, only 5-9, 175 pounds, proved in both college and pro football that there is room indeed for the little man if he's got moxie.

McDonald, now in the business of selling oil portraits and doing very well at it, got up with the chickens on the farm at Roy, N.M., to win a name for himself at Oklahoma and then in 11 seasons of pro football.

In pro football he became the effervescent flanker, a favorite target for Norm Van Brooklin's passes as the Philadelphia Eagles, of all people, won the National Football League championship by beating Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers in 1960.

In college football, he never played in a losing game as Wilkinson's Red Wreckers were in the midst of a 47-game winning streak, and the doughty little man was a running back who also threw the halfback option pass extremely well. Ultimately, Bud began to have Tommy sift out of the backfield to catch passes, a skill at which he had few peers.

McDonald had more bounce than an India rubber man. The joy with which he played, the way he could take a helluva jolt, leap to his feet, clap his hands and head back to the huddle, must have psyched many a foe. And his rapid runback gave Wilkinson the notion by which the entire Oklahoma team used a fast-break play speed-up to discombooberate Maryland in the Orange Bowl game after the 1955 season.

Jim Tatum's Terrapins found themselves leisurely getting up to set their defenses when, led by McDonald, the Sooners were snapping the ball and coming at 'em again. The demoralized Terps, after scoring first, lost by a 20-6 score.

Physically, as a well-scrubbed blond, McDonald was a miniature version of Christman, who was cool, calm and collected, but even cockier than Tommy.

I went to college with Pitchin' Paul, All-America quarterback for Missouri's first Big Six champions in 1939 and a player who, like most of the others mentioned previously, was a winner who broke his school's losing habit.

Christman, who quarterbacked the pro football Cardinals to their last two championships, too, in 1947 and '48, ultimately became a well-to-do manufacturer's agent in Chicago and a prominent television football commentator. Knowledgeable and articulate and with the guts to quarterback on TV, Christman teamed for years with Curt Gowdy on NBC. He was understood to have been ABC's first choice as its technical man for Monday night pro football, but he died unexpectedly of a heart attack earlier that year. He was only 51.

As the deep man in the single wing or short punt the offense-minded Faurot used because he was slow, Christman was a powerful runner and a money player who got the big yard when it was needed, but it was as a passer that he won his reputation. He holds the Mizzou mark for total offense, 4133 yards, and for touchdown passes, 25.

Christman's charm was his brashness. Although Faurot was a straight arrow who taught discipline, he turned the game over to the colorful, confident kid from suburban St. Louis. The coach gulped hard, though, he would admit later with a smile, when the strong-minded sophomore stood in his end zone and threw three consecutive incompleted passes from his own end zone in a game against Colorado.

As a sophomore in 1938 Christman led Missouri to an upset victory over Nebraska. The 13-10 triumph was the Tigers' first over the Huskers in 11 years. Fred Ware, then sports editor of the Omaha World-Herald, watched Christman complete three consecutive passes from his own 10 yard for a touchdown and dubbed him the Merry Magician.

PAUL CHRISTMAN, Missouri, 1938-40

A year later before the kickoff with unbeaten Nebraska at Columbia, Christman beckoned to a student reporter (me) and said, airily, "I'll give you a scoop. I'm going to pass these bums out of the stadium before the half ends."

At the half, on the strength of three touchdown passes by Pitchin' Paul, Missouri had the two-TD edge that held up for a 27-13 victory. It led to the Tigers' first post-season game, the Orange Bowl.

The defeat was the only Nebraska suffered that season. In the course of the action, the Cornhuskers roughly rolled tormentor Christman out of bounds and at the feet of their coach, West Point graduate L.M. (Biff) Jones.

Calmly, Christman brushed himself off and, addressing himself to the fuming Nebraska coach, he said lightly:
"What do you teach these fellas, Major? Touch football?

ALL BIG EIGHT

According to the players, Charlie Davis of Colorado will be the Offensive Player of the Year in 1973 and John Dutton of Nebraska will be the premier Defensive Player. Tinker Owens is tapped as the Sophomore of the Year.

By DOYLE MAY *Oklahoma City*

WHO'S BETTER QUALIFIED TO JUDGE the ability of a football player than the man on the same battlefield?

Thus, in order to bring the stars of 1973 into focus, the Big Eight magazine polled the players themselves on the opponents they respected most in head-to-head combat.

Their collective opinions form the magazine's pre-season All-Big Eight offensive and defensive units, and can be found on the following four pages. The second teams are also listed along with the All Big Eight Sophomore Team.

Restrictions were put on the voting. Players could not vote for a teammate. They also were asked to evaluate only those positions to which they came in direct contact. For instance, a center wasn't asked to vote on the quarterback. The purpose was to place emphasis on actual head-up duels and hopefully eliminate the influence of puffed-up publicity releases. Players have known for a long time, and the fans are catching on, that some athletes get undeserved press notices while others go un-noticed until the professional draft when ability is the only criteria.

The players liked the idea. More than 100 responded to the 176 ballots that were put in the mail. Coaches were contacted too, and their 1973 all-star selections provided some interesting variations from the players' choices. They differed on seven of the 22 top hands.

Earle Bruce, the successor to Johnny Majors at Iowa State, didn't participate in the coaches' poll because he had no previous contact with the Big Eight.

The coaches agreed unanimously that Davis, the live-footed Colorado star, and Strachan, the league's leading rusher last year, belong in the all-star backfield. But they disagreed at fullback and quarterback.

While the players went with Matthews and Blackman, the coaches favored George Palmer, the bulldozer from Oklahoma State, and Nebraska's southpaw aerial whiz, David Humm.

Coaches also liked Iowa State's Sherm Miller over Roush at offensive guard, Colorado's Greg Horton over Crenshaw at offensive tackle, Missouri's Dennis Van Arsdall over Hunt at defensive tackle, and Oklahoma State's Daryl Stewart over Moseley at halfback. Hughes received four of a possible six votes from the coaches at safety, but the head men had difficulty selecting the other "goalie." Seven players received one vote each.

The difference of opinion on Palmer is understandable since the burly OSU junior didn't start until almost mid-season but came on strong to net 937 yards. Some Big Eight players didn't see him. Now he is being called one of the nation's top fullbacks.

The coaches picked Humm, who had 1,944 total yards last season, by a 4-2 vote over Blackman, the scatter-legged Wishbone star at OSU, who compiled 1,414 total yards. Oddly enough, Kansas' passing wizard, David Jaynes, didn't get a vote from the coaches while first-place votes of the players read Blackman 13, Humm 10, and Jaynes eight. Blackman was named on 23 ballots and Humm on 18.

Opponents think Owens, the sure-handed Oklahoma star, will be the sophomore-of-the-year in 1973 after a Jack Armstrong-like performance last season when he caught the coaches' eyes as a freshman and then starred in wins over Nebraska and Penn State (Sugar Bowl).

Dutton, the massive Nebraska tackle who just may be the No. 1 college defender, won by two votes over Selmon and four votes over Shoate as the next defensive player-of-the-year. Naturally, OU supporters will insist that Shoate and Selmon, being from the same star-studded team, split the vote and enabled Dutton to slip in the back door for the honor.

Davis, possibly the greatest running back in Colorado's history, won by a bare one vote over Strachan, producer of 1,260 yards last season, as the offensive player-of-the-year.

Davis has been running up and down Big Eight rugs for two seasons, but Strachan was a virtual unknown until 1972 when he exploded one of the league's all-time best individual seasons to lead the Cyclones into the Liberty Bowl.

If you don't think the Big Eight is bristling with talent, look at the voting at linebacker, a position that launched Iowa State's Matt Blair to All-American honors in 1971. Blair didn't make it this time. The players and coaches like Shoate and Vann, which would be a pretty good parley for concensus All-America.

The players had no trouble at two of the running backs. Davis and Strachan both were named on 30 ballots. Matthews and Palmer each were picked on 20 ballots, but Matthews garnered the most first-place votes, 12-9.

Owens, Steve's younger brother, won out at split end in a close race with Willie Jones of Iowa State.

Cain, the huge, mobile Coloradoan, was picked on 30 ballots at tight end. His only real opposition came from Keith Krepfle of Iowa State.

White and Crenshaw, the Nebraska offensive tackles, were chosen on a mere four more ballots than Eddie Foster, the Oklahoma veteran.

TINKER OWENS (left) in the locker room after OU's come-frombehind upset of Nebraska. Owens was instrumental in the victory. Nicknamed "Lurch" by teammates, John Dutton (90) hurls his massive 6'7" frame over the Cyclones line in intimidating fashion.

90

CHARLIE DAVIS (26) has rushed for a staggering 2600 yards and 26 touchdowns in his two years at Colorado and will be zeroing in on Steve Owens' Big Eight rushing records this fall.

Roush, an OU standout in late season, was ranked by the enemy as the best offensive guard in the league. Miller actually received more notices for the other spot, but trailed Wolfe in first-place votes, 10-7.

McDonald, embarking on his third season as Colorado's starting center, pitched a shutout at that position. He received all 15 first-place votes.

Defensively, Manstedt and Baccus were clear-cut choices at end. Dutton received overwhelming support at tackle, his 28 votes surpassing the total of his three nearest challengers.

Selmon received more votes than anyone.

Thirty-five foes believe he is the very finest noseguard in these parts, indicating that the burly Sooner may well succeed Nebraska's Rich Glover as winner of the Outland Trophy. OSU's Barry Price, all-Big Eight in some polls as a sophomore, got six first-place and 23 second-place votes.

As you've probably noticed by now, Kansas and Kansas State aren't represented on either unit.

Closest the Sunflower State came was at defensive halfback where Terry Brown was mentioned on 14 ballots but missed all-star recognition because he trailed Mosley, 9-6, in first-place votes.

If the players are reasonably close in their evaluations, look for Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado to dominate the scene again in 1973.

Seven Sooners were picked among the top 22 performers. Nebraska has five representatives and Colorado four.

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PLAYER'S ALL-BIG EIGHT

ALL OFFENSIVE TEAM

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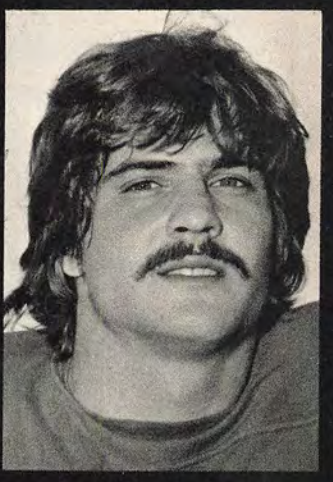


BRENT BLACKMAN, Oklahoma State (5-11, 161 Sr). Smallish, exciting operator of Pokes' wishbone. Ranked fifth in rushing in the league last season with 842 yards. A scrambler who likes to throw on the run, Blackman's passing statistics last season are misleading because OSU favored its ground game. Still, he netted 572 yards and averaged a TD every 5 completions. Threw 56-yard winning TD pass against Missouri on fourth and 28 with less than a minute to play.

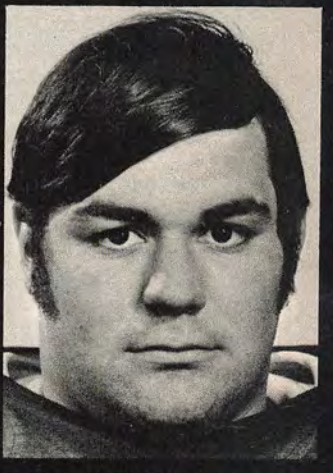
SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

TE	**Keith Krepfle** (6-2, 220), Iowa State
T	**Ed Foster** (6-4, 243), Oklahoma
G	**Scott Anderson** (6-4, 235), Missouri
C	**Mike McDaniel** (6-2, 215), Kansas
G	**Sherm Miller** (6-2, 237), Iowa State
T	**Greg Horton** (6-4, 247), Colorado
SE	**Willie Jones** (5-10, 175), Iowa State
QB	**Dave Humm** (6-2, 191), Nebraska
B	**George Palmer** (6-1, 212), Oklahoma State
B	**Tommy Reamon** (5-11, 190), Missouri
B	**Joe Washington** (5-10, 170), Oklahoma

TACKLE

MARVIN CRENSHAW, Nebraska (6-6, 235 Jr). Coming off a steady sophomore season. Excels as pass blocker. Oklahoma coaches rate him even or ahead of teammate Daryl White. His blocking helped Huskers score five TD's or more in nine of 12 games last season. Teams with White to provide the Huskers with the best set of offensive tackles in the conference. "They're like book-ends to us," observed one NU aide. "They hold us up out there." The pros like him already.

GUARD



JOHN ROUSH, Oklahoma (5-11, 235 Jr). Came through handsomely last fall to earn a spot in the Sooners' great offensive line. Exceptional at firing out and leading way for the wishbone attack, the nation's most devastating offense the past two seasons. Somehow, the Sooners recruited him out of Arvada, Colo. Made quite an impression on opponents last season and led in the players' voting at the guard position. Great strength from the waist up.

ALL SOPHOMORE TEAM OFFENSE

E	**Gregg Hosack** (6-4, 222), Kansas
T	**Mike Owens** (6-3, 225), Missouri
G	**Dennis Cimmino** (6-2, 222), Colorado
C	**Rick Bonness** (6-4, 205), Nebraska
G	**Terry Webb** (6-0, 240), Oklahoma
T	**Bob Bos** (6-6, 220), Iowa State
E	**Tinker Owens** (6-0, 160), Oklahoma
QB	**Wayne Stanley** (6-0, 180), Iowa State
B	**Horace Perkins** (5-9, 174), Colorado
B	**Tony Davis** (5-11, 212), Nebraska
B	**Joe Washington** (5-10, 170), Oklahoma

BACK

CHARLIE DAVIS, Colorado (6-0, 200 Sr). In two seasons, he has gained 2,312 yards rushing, including 926 last year when he ranked fourth in the conference. Runs 100 in 9.8. National back-of-the-week twice in 1971. Rushed for 202 yards in 37 carries to win outstanding player award in 1971 Astro-Bluebonnet bowl. Set a conference record when he razed Oklahoma State for 342 yards in 1971. Twice all-Big Eight, and a leading candidate for Heisman Trophy.

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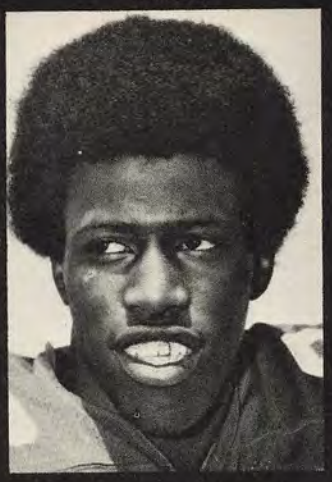

MIKE STRACHAN, Iowa State (6-1, 190 Jr). Gained more than 100 yards eight times in 1972 when he led the league in rushing yards with 1,260 yards. Carried 267 times last season but faces more duty in 1973 when I-State puts more emphasis on the run. Only underclassman in all-star backfield. Scored eight touchdowns in '72. Finished 1 vote behind Davis for Offensive Player of the Year.

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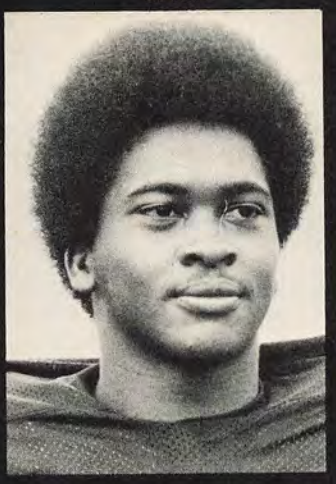
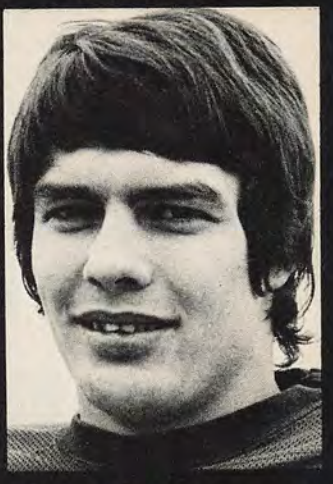


BO MATTHEWS, Colorado (6-3, 225 Sr). Powerful runner but more regarded as deadly blocker. Ranked seventh in Big Eight last season with 720 yards. Carried 155 times for 4.6 average. Gets the hard yards. Scored four touchdowns and caught one pass good for 18 yards. He helps clear the path for Charlie Davis, CU's record-breaking tailback. May be used more as a ball carrier in 1973. Pro scouts regard him as one of the best fullbacks in America. Shared fullback chores with John Tarver as a sophomore in 1971.

SPLIT END



TINKER OWENS, Oklahoma (5-11, 155 So). Late-season hero during Sooner's rush to title. Started season with freshman squad but promoted to varsity after displaying great set of hands. Became a starter after junior John Carroll was injured and had two great games. He came off bench to catch five passes for 108 yards in upset over Nebraska and then was named outstanding player in OU's 14-0 victory over Penn State in Sugar Bowl. Brother of Detroit Lions' star Steve Owens.

CENTER

WILLIAM McDONALD, Colorado (6-3, 239 Sr). Starting for the third straight year and finally may get recognition he deserves since OU's Tom Brahaney and Nebraska's Doug Dumler have graduated. Fires out after snap. Also handles himself well in pass protection assignments. Will be looking for a third straight bowl trip. Received every first-place vote in players' voting on all-stars. Strong enough to make it as a professional.

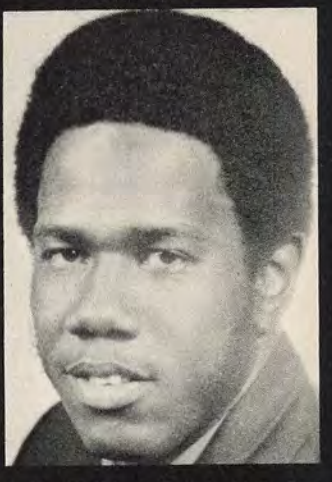
GUARD

BOB WOLFE, Nebraska (6-5, 256 Sr). Another solid player in the Huskers always efficient offensive line. A good pass blocker who has the speed to help on downfield assignments. A definite pro prospect. Grew up at Omaha where he was exposed early to NU football. Wolfe, tackle Marvin Crenshaw and Daryl White give the Huskers three big, rangy offensive linemen to protect passing star David Humm. Has played in only two losing games since joining the Cornhuskers.

TACKLE

DARYL WHITE, Nebraska (6-4, 239 Sr). Twice all-Big Eight. Top offensive line All-America candidate in 1973. Stout straight ahead blocker and excellent at charging downfield to hit again after carrying out first assignment. Nebraska coaches regard him as a more consistent lineman than Bob Newton, now with the Chicago Bears and comparable to Oakland's All-Pro, Bob Brown. Named to Football News Sophomore All-America team in 1971. Likely first round pro draft pick.

TIGHT END



J. V. CAIN, Colorado (6-5, 215 Sr). Earned all-Big Eight honors in 1972 after missing first two games. Caught 40 passes (third high in league) for 407 yards. Has great size and speed and is rated an excellent blocker. Some pro scouts rank him the best tight end in the nation. His consistent play has helped the Buffs to Astro-Bluebonnet and Gator Bowls the past two seasons. Catches ball well in a crowd.

PLAYER'S ALL-BIG EIGHT

ALL DEFENSIVE TEAM

END

STEVE MANSTEDT, Nebraska (6-2, 210 Sr). Extremely fast and aggressive. Earned second team all-Big Eight honors last season. An outstanding pass rusher who had 61 total tackles in 1972, including 32 unassisted. Dropped ball-carrier for loss six times totaling 30 yards. Intercepted two passes, broke up three more, recovered a fumble and blocked a punt. Most Big Eight coaches felt Manstedt has a better year than All American teammate Willie Harper.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

E	**Lennie Ciufo**	(6-0, 215), Colorado
T	**Dennis Van Arsdall**	(6-1, 220), Missouri
NG	**Barry Price**	(6-1, 238), Oklahoma State
T	**Mitch Sutton**	(6-4, 255), Kansas
E	**Don Goode**	(6-2, 224), Kansas
LB	**Matt Blair**	(6-4, 220), Iowa State
LB	**Steve Towle**	(6-3, 228), Kansas
DB	**Terry Brown**	(6-2, 202), Kansas State
DB	**Darryl Stewart**	(6-1, 170), Oklahoma State
DB	**George Kyros**	(5-9, 164), Nebraska
DB	**Bob Pankey**	(6-1, 190), Missouri

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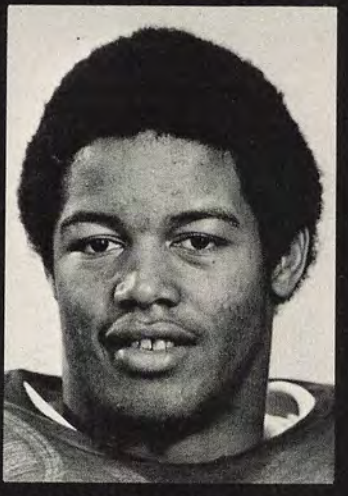

ROD SHOATE, Oklahoma (6-1, 209 Jr). Could be a two-time All-American for Sooners. Named conference sophomore defender of year in 1972. Also made all-Big Eight. Runs the 40 in 4.6. When he made 22 tackles in 20-0 shut-out of Iowa State, former OU coach Chuck Fairbanks said it was greatest game by linebacker he'd seen at Oklahoma. Made 139 tackles, including 70 unassisted. Intercepted two passes, broke up four more and forced three fumbles.

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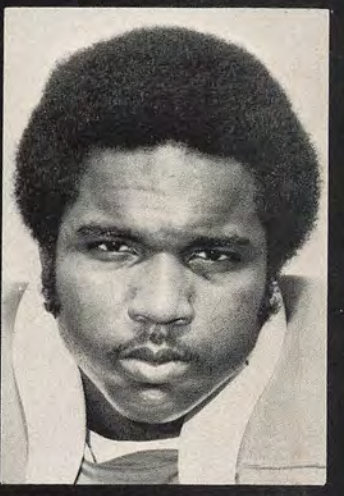

CLEVELAND VANN, Oklahoma State (6-1, 216 Sr). All-Big Eight last season and definite All-America candidate. Great balance, quickness and ability to diagnose plays. Was a fullback as sophomore, gaining 240 yards in 65 carries. Made 122 tackles last season, six of them behind the line of scrimmage. Runs 40 in 4.7. Returned an interception 45 yards to score in 45-14 win over Kansas State. Had three interceptions and blocked two more passes. A B-plus student.

ALL SOPHOMORE TEAM DEFENSE

E	**Mark Loman**	(6-6, 220), Oklahoma State
T	**LeRoy Selmon**	(6-3, 255), Oklahoma
NG	**John Lee**	(6-4, 258), Oklahoma
T	**Bob Simpson**	(6-4, 228), Colorado
E	**James White**	(6-5, 229), Oklahoma State
LB	**Percy Eichelberger**	(5-11, 209), Nebraska
LB	**Denny Gragg**	(6-2, 226), Kansas State
CB	**Paul Smith**	(5-11, 185), Kansas State
CB	**Kurt Knoff**	(6-3, 190), Kansas
S	**Jeff Kensinger**	(6-0, 188), Colorado
S	**Dan Becker**	(6-4, 180), Iowa State

TACKLE

JOHN DUTTON, Nebraska (6-7, 248 Sr). Size makes him an effective pass rusher and sure tackler. His coach, Tom Osborne, says, "Without question, John is as good or better than any defensive lineman we've had play for us." Leading Outland trophy candidate. His 35 unassisted tackles second best on club last season. Also had 32 assists. Trapped enemy ball-carriers behind line three times. Recovered two fumbles and broke up three passes. Runs the 40 in 4.9. Another Husker who'll go high in draft.

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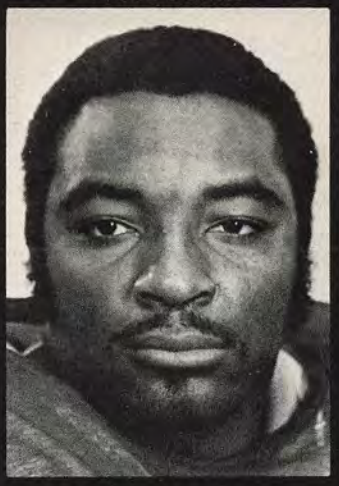

LUCIOUS SELMON, Oklahoma (6-1, 224 Sr). All-Big Eight last season. Named defensive player of the game by ABC last season when he recovered a blocked kick in end zone for touchdown to break open a tight game against Nebraska. Runs the 40 in 4.7 and can bench-press 580 pounds. Was in on 83 tackles, including 41 solos. Caught opposing backs 10 times behind line for 48 yards in losses. Broke up two passes and recovered two fumbles.

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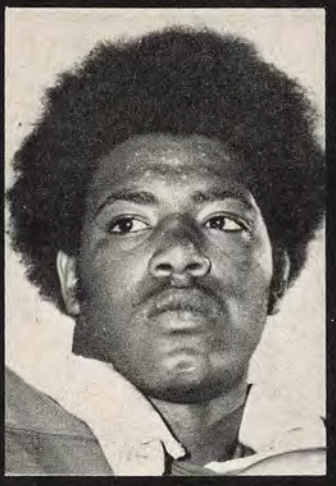

LAWRENCE HUNT, Iowa State (6-2, 235 Sr). Known around the conference as "Big Daddy." Has made more than 200 tackles during brilliant careor at I-State. A great pass-rusher. Moved to noseguard in the Cyclones new look defense, where he will often become a middle linebacker when the situation warrants. Quick on the line, he has the ability to become a solid professional player, scouts in the Big Eight area say. Helped the Cyclones to bowl bids the past two seasons.

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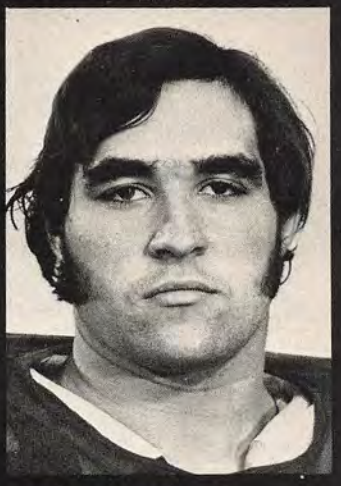

GARY BACCUS, Oklahoma (6-4, 230 Sr). One of five defensive starters returning at OU. Another in a long line of Texans who have helped the Sooners' dynasty. Had a good year in 1972 until sidelined with an injury. Broke up four passes, intercepted one and forced two fumbles. One of the players being counted on to bolster defensive unit that was hit hard by graduation. Excellent pass rusher, who will team with the three Selmon brothers to give OU one of the best defensive lines in the country.

CORNERBACK

KENITH POPE, Oklahoma (6-0, 205 Sr). A hero in OU's 17-14 win over Nebraska last season, intercepting two passes late in game to kill Husker drives. Sooner Heisman great Billy Vessels called his coverage of Johnny Rodgers, "...the greatest game I've ever seen a cornerback play." Named TV network's player-of-the-game. He broke up four passes, recovered a fumble and forced three others. Strong, fast and experienced. Good pass defender. Another Texas product.

CORNERBACK

JOHN MOSELEY, Missouri (5-9, 160 Sr). One of the smallest players in the conference, but he made a major contribution to Missouri's "comeback" to a 6-6 record last season that earned them a bowl game. Led secondary in virtually all categories, proving to be a good pass defender and hard tackler. One of six returning starters on defense, indicating the Tigers may well return to their glory days during the 1973 season.

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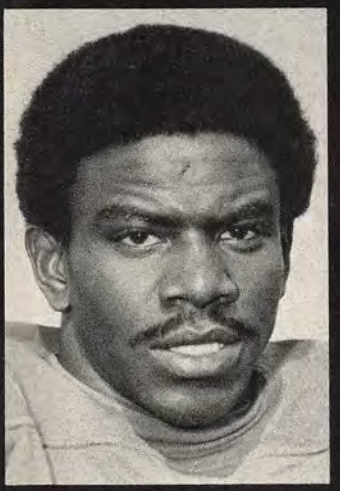

ALVIN BROWN, Oklahoma State (5-11, 162 Sr). One of O-State's best ever at that position. "The best safety in America. I've had four guys make it in the pros and I'd rather have Alvin than any of them," says OSU backfield coach Lance Van Zandt. Tied a Big Eight record with eight interceptions, and returned them 117 yards. Came to OSU from Henderson (Tex.) Junior College as return specialist but proved too valuable as a free safety. Once ran a 48.2 open quarter.

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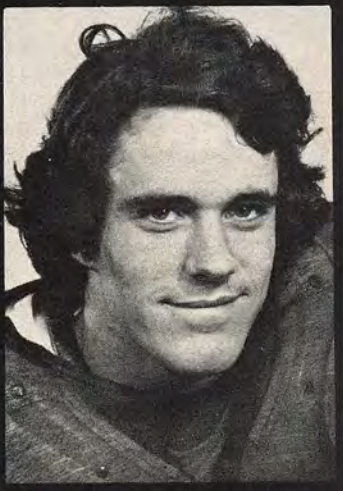

RANDY HUGHES, Oklahoma (6-3, 194 Jr). Has played nothing but safety throughout his football career. Doesn't regret playing only one way in high school now because he attracted the eye of the Sooners. Solid in the classroom, he's intelligent, too. Had four interceptions last season, broke up five more passes, recovered a fumble and forced another. He made 17 tackles and assisted on 22 others. His size, speed and hardtackling make him an "all" candidate, even as a junior.

"I do not agree that all conferences should be comparable or at the same level. That's like saying everybody in the United States should live at the same level of income. It certainly sounds to me like a great communistic idea."

NCAA SHOWDOWN IN AUGUST

A showdown looms in August between the major universities and the small colleges, and indications are that unless a division is accepted by the smaller schools, the "Big Guys" may walk out

By TOM ASH *Omaha World Herald*

FOOTBALL AT THE University of Nebraska and Boston University bear scant resemblance. At Nebraska, the sport has evolved into big business, high-powered entertainment; at Boston, it is still a game, character-building still a primary ingredient.

Nebraska teams have played to 30 straight sellout crowds, and 50 of the last 54 games in 76,400-seat Memorial Stadium in Lincoln have been played before full houses. Boston has trouble filling its 15,000 seat arena.

Nebraska is a state university and has a self-sufficient athletic department, which operates without the aid of tax dollars, thanks to whopping profits from football. Boston is a private institution which is struggling financially in both athletics and academics.

Nebraska football is a rallying point for fans in a state with built-in polarization of industrial interests in the east and agricultural emphasis in the west. The only major university in Nebraska provides the state pride that welds the businessman and farmer together on Saturday afternoons.

At Boston, Larry Naviaux, the Terriers' coach the last four years, said: "There's a lot of competition for the entertainment dollar. We play football on Saturday afternoons. There are 10 to 12 colleges right in the Boston area playing at the same time. The high schools play on Saturday afternoon. We don't have a big stadium, so we're lucky to get 15,000 fans."

Nebraska's president is a staunch booster of the big-time athletic program; his counterpart at Boston is an advocate of de-emphasis.

Despite the obvious differences in the size of the programs and the clash of emphasis on the role of athletics at the two institutions, there are some parallels and ties between them.

Nebraska has enjoyed unprecedented success in the last 10 years under Coach Bob Devaney, including two national championships in the last three years. Boston has performed with success at its own level in the Eastern College Athletic Conference, including a 9-1 year that earned Naviaux NCAA college division coach of the year honors in 1969.

Naviaux played halfback for Nebraska in pre-Devaney days, and Boston Athletic Director Warren Schmakel was a Cornhusker assistant coach at the same time. They did not log the successes of recent Husker teams. Their best year was 4-6.

The point of the comparisons is that despite vast differences in the size and philosophies in the football programs, Nebraska and Boston U. are both on an equal plane in the eyes of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Both receive one vote in determining legislation that governs college athletics.

But there are a lot more Bostons than Nebraskas voting, causing schools, like Nebraska, in the upper strata in college football to claim an inequity in the system.

There are fewer than 100 major college football powers in the United States and over 420 small college NCAA members. The interests of the majors often clash with those of their smaller brethern.

When it comes to a vote, the outcome is necessarily decided by the smaller schools.

Because the larger institutions feel they have been restricted by legislation imposed on them by NCAA members who are unable to compete at their level, the big schools are trying a second time to convince the NCAA to split into divisions so schools of similar sizes may control their own athletic destinies.

At the annual NCAA convention in Chicago last January, the proposal to divide the membership into two divisions was defeated, 224-218, led by Eastern opposition. A two-thirds majority was needed to carry the issue.

But the larger schools are trying again. A study committee was set up by the NCAA to prepare a proposal to be submitted to the NCAA council. The council then will present the new plan—expected to call for at least three divisions this time—to a special convention of the members Aug. 6-7.

Such a proposal to create a so-called Super Division for major colleges has created some volatile debates.

It boils down to whether or not one agrees that college football should be big business, competing with professional football for the entertainment dollar, as Nebraska's claims.

Such thinking draws this scathing appraisal from Dr. John Silber, president of Boston University:

"It's time intelligent people in the college community recognize that mathematically speaking, you can't win more than half your games unless somebody eschews the odds by spending more money and by recruiting on a different basis from which the rest of the conference is supposed to be recruiting on."

College football, he said, has become a costly "rat race." "We've been suckers in higher education. We have lost millions of dollars providing a farm system for the pros. It produces the kind of athlete the majors want.

"It does lead to a certain kind of perfection, but that's not what college athletics are all about. . . .This (college football) is supposed to be an educational experience for the players. It's supposed to be fun for them. And I believe the fans would like it better.

"Obviously, what it takes to have a good football conference is just more or less comparability between the teams. You could put together a great season of some very interesting games on just a fraction of the money now spent on intercollegiate athletics if all parties would cut their budget."

Dr. Silber, of course, has to worry about his budget. Bob Devaney does not, at least not much.

Dr. Silber lost Naviaux, his football coach, to Connecticut recently because of Boston's budget woes.

"He's had to make big cuts in the academic and athletic fields," said Naviaux. "He was instructed to make a $10 million cut by July 1, and it would have been crazy for us (in the athletic department) to expect we wouldn't be touched. Knowing this, I also had to look out for myself," Naviaux said of his resignation.

"I have no qualms with Dr. Silber," Naviaux added. "He's a man of high ideals. He's one of the few people who could pull it off."

Nebraska's Devaney is a strong proponent of the separate divisions concept and a harsh critic of de-emphasis talk.

He took a mediocre program and turned it into instant success taking his team to nine bowl games in 11 years, winning two national championships and logging a 101-20-2 record before retiring to the athletic director's post this year.

When he moved to Nebraska, sell outs were uncommon in 38,000 seat Memorial Stadium. Four additions have swelled capacity to 76, 400.

After battling to build his program into one of national stature, Devaney balks at what he regards as a backward step.

Referring to such past NCAA restrictive legislation as the 1.6 predictability rule, which set academic standards for enrollment; the freshman eligibility rule and the limit of 30 football scholarships a year and a four-year total of 120, Devaney commented:

"They just have said that everybody in the country should live the same way the Joneses do, and in this case they want the Joneses to live rather poorly.

"A strong athletic program is a stabilizing factor in any college or university, and I think when we limit scholarships the way they were proposed by the NCAA, you may save the program at a smaller school, but you're certainly going to weaken the overall programs at such conferences as the Big Eight, Big Ten, Pacific Coast, Southwest, Southeast and other major football institutions.

"I believe these schools have a right to go their own way and divide into two (or more) groups."

The NCAA convention in January voted down the Big Eight Conference compromise plan of 35 initial scholarships and a total of 115. The conference previously limited member schools to 45 a year.

Big Eight Commissioner Charles M. Neinas said the compromise was "realistic" and its defeat pointed up the need for dividing the NCAA membership.

"We strongly favor reorganization. There's a substantial difference in the type of athletic programs at various institutions, and those institutions with similar programs should be able to determine legislation that will affect their programs," said Neinas.

"There are some people who are for limiting legislation who do not currently give the 30 initials and 105 overalls that are allowed. So their motives must be suspect. They do it on the basis of fiscal responsibility, but they cut down others who can afford 45 scholarships easier than they can afford 30."

It is this "cutting down" the big schools that draws Devaney's ire.

He agreed with Boston's Dr. Silber that comparability makes good football conferences, but he added: "I do not agree that all conferences should be comparable or at the same level. That's like saying everybody in the United States should live at the same level of income and expenditure. It certainly sounds to me like a great communistic idea, and I'm not for any form of communism, whether it be in athletics or direct living.

"What I'm against is dragging people down to a level. People should either attempt to raise their own standard of living or they should compete with a group that has the same standard of living and let the others who can afford to live a little better have a better program.

"It's a matter of finances, and you should compete at the level you're financially able to compete at.

"You can have a very sound football program at a small college. I played at a small college in Alma, Mich., where we had very few, if any, scholarships. We enjoyed playing football, but we competed in our own class. We didn't attempt to play a football schedule which included Notre Dame, Michigan and Ohio State. And, in turn, we didn't ask Michigan or Ohio State or Notre Dame to reduce their scholarships so they could play in even competition with Alma College."

Devaney said he thinks scholarship limitations should be kept at the conference level because "across the country there are so many different situations. A coach living in the Los Angeles area, or Columbus, Ohio or at Penn State, in densely populated areas—or in Texas where there are so many more football players available—can be much more selective and can operate with a smaller squad and operate successfully.

"Coach John McKay (Southern California) is sitting in a densely populated area. He's a very fair person, and he has said they could recruit with fewer scholarships than a school in a less densely populated area such as Arkansas or Nebraska."

Although opposed to the scholarship limitations, Devaney was pleased that the January NCAA convention backtracked on the 1.6 rule and voted down a proposal to limit the size of coaching staffs.

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"The smaller schools have been voting some of these restrictions in, and now I find it ironical that the 1.6 rule, which I have strongly opposed, is rescinded and now it is not a rule that is good for college football. So now you can have a student admitted with a C average in high school, just like it was before the 1.6 rule was adopted," Devaney said.

The proposal to limit coaching staffs, Devaney said, "is a very peculiar way to try to save money. The more people you're able to employ, with the employment problem, I think is good. You tell a factory they can hire only so many people, and they think you're plain nuts.

"So now they want to tell a university how many people they can hire in a certain department. They don't tell the English department how many people they can have."

English departments, however, are not, as Devaney says, "in competition with pro football for the entertainment dollar."

Restrictive legislation, Devaney believes, will not allow the Nebraskas, Southern Cals, Oklahomas, Alabamas, Texases, and Penn States to recruit the type of players necessary to compete with the pros.

"We nave to have the players who are capable of playing the interesting style of college football that today has brought many fans back to the college game. The pro game has gone into somewhat of a shell. It's a very conservative game, while the college game, in contrast, has opened up into some high-scoring contests that are very interesting to the spectator," Devaney said.

As added fuel for Devaney's contention that college football is in competition with the pros, the NCAA television committee has proposed a "Poll Bowl," matching the two highest rated teams after the bowl games in a contest to settle the national championship question. Television representatives appear eager.

NCAA planners have suggested scheduling the final college game at a time when it would dilute the publicity value of the pro football Super Bowl.

Big Eight Commissioner Neinas says the proposal "has merit worthy of investigation, but it's misnamed. I'd prefer calling it the national championship game."

There are those who naturally reject the idea that big-time college football is big business or emphasize that competition is so keen that recruiting violations are rampant.

Former Boston Coach Naviaux said reorganization of the NCAA into separate divisions should wait "until we clean up what we've got. There's a lot of illegal recruiting going on. At least there are a lot of stories going around."

Texas Coach Darrell Royal offers a possible solution with a proposal that member schools contribute $5,000 or so to an NCAA pool for a police force to investigate recruiting violotions.

"I used to think everything I heard was exaggerated," said Royal. "But we've had too many people come down here that have told us what people have offered them. That's hard to swallow. You're out there trying to sell yourself and the facts about your schools and the guy ain't hearing a word you're saying. All he's wondering is when you're going to start talking money."

Devaney doesn't buy Royal's solution.

"I agree with Darrell on a lot of things, he's a good friend of mine, but I don't agree with him on this," he said. "I don't believe college football is to the point where they need a staff of FBI men or investigators to go around and check each and every school to see what they're doing.

"I think we've got to depend on the integrity of colleges, and I think the Oklahoma incident (the Sooners forfeited eight games, an assistant coach resigned and two players were declared ineligible because of a recruiting violation) expounds the integrity of a school like Oklahoma.

"There was some wrongdoing in their recruiting program, and they immediately took action. I think each university should police its own activities and the conferences should help in this direction. The NCAA has a policing service, but I don't think it's necessary to expand on it with a lot of investigators like you're trying to check on a mafia group."

Commissioner Neinas also opposes Royal's plan, preferring to emphasize policing at the conference level.

"In order to effectively police recruiting, it would be helpful for those who know of violations to report them to the appropriate agency so they can be investigated," said Neinas. "That doesn't cost $5,000 per institution. It just takes fortitude.

"We don't need money, we need cooperation. We just reached the first anniversary of our new investigative program in the Big Eight. We like to think of it as preventative maintenance. It involves clinics to help educate our people in the rules of recruiting. This helps eliminate technical errors, but it won't stop the blatant violator.

"The initial reports are that everyone is satisfied with it. Individuals who claim there is a lot of cheating going on must know something. Then why aren't they talking, bringing it to our attention? We have the machinery to do something about it.

"We want to have an effective enforcement program and believe we can do a better job of keeping our own house clean (than an NCAA police force)."

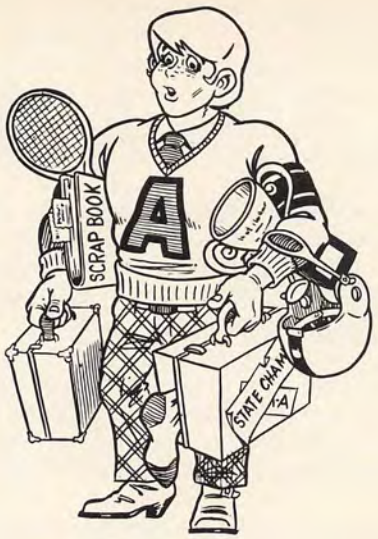
Neinas emphasized that the Big Eight office initiated the investigation that led to the Oklahoma violation disclosure.

"There is no bidding war for college athletes. Anybody who says there is a bidding war in major college football is way wrong. They don't know what they're talking about.

"The NCAA scholarship is a standard scholarship, or each conference scholarship is a standard scholarship administered by the conference. You don't bid for an athlete. You offer him a scholarship, and most of your institutions are entirely fair and honest."

"THEY JUST HAVE SAID that everyone in the country should live the same way the Joneses do, and in this case they want the Joneses to live rather poorly."

Freshman Harvest



"There's no way you're going to be able to get Scott Smith away from us. If you do I'll buy you the biggest steak in town."

Iowa recruiter Ducky Lewis to Iowa State recruiter Keith Kephart. Scott, an All-American tackle from Cedar Rapids, Iowa signed with Iowa State. And Kephart got the biggest steak in town.

"A lot of people in Austin got really mad when I signed with Oklahoma. I really found out who my friends were. Never before had anyone from Austin gone to Oklahoma. The Texas coaches kinda took me for granted and thought I would sign with them. I really shocked them when I told them I was going to Oklahoma."

Obie Moore, the No. 1 linebacker in Texas who signed with Oklahoma.

By AL ESCHBACH *Oklahoma Journal*

IT SEEMS EVERYONE is always talking about recruiting. It's a subject that caused Oklahoma to lose quarterback Kerry Jackson and lineman Mike Phillips for a year. It's also a matter that caused Big Eight officials to place Colorado on probation for a year.

People in the know around the country generally concede the Big Eight to be the toughest football conference in the country. So naturally, the Big Eight also has to be the best recruiting league around. All the conference coaches will agree that recruiting is the most important part of their program.

This year was a little tougher for some of the schools to recruit since there were coaching changes at Oklahoma, Iowa State, Nebraska and Oklahoma State. But still, all eight coaches around the league are claiming victories in the recruiting warfare.

On paper, it appears Nebraska may have had the most successful year of inking prospects. The Huskers, who were dethroned last year by Oklahoma, are trying to get back into the throne room as they signed a couple of All-American linemen, a flame-throwing, quarterback and a receiver, who they say is, you guessed it, another Johnny Rodgers.

Oklahoma got a belated start when Barry Switzer took over the coaching chores a week before the signing date. But the Sooners think they did very well, with running backs and linebackers being their forte.

Colorado, getting hurt in it's own state, came on very strong and Eddie Crowder was more than pleased with the crop he signed. The Buffs may have gotten the best freshman back when they inked Ray Barrs, an All-American speedster from Albuquerque, N.M., who everyone was after.

People in Ames, Iowa are claiming the best recruiting year ever for Iowa State. Kansas State coach Vince Gibson said the Wildcats got more than their share of quality players. New Oklahoma State coach Jim Stanley said he was very pleased with the crop he harvested.

Missouri made big strides in the St. Louis and Chicago areas which made Tiger coach Al Onofrio very happy. And Kansas coach Don Fambrough didn't want to say much about his crop until he saw them under college fire, but the Jayhawks did get a couple of blue-chippers who should be heard from in the future.

Of the 24 players selected on the All Big Eight Freshman team, five each will be heading to Nebraska and Oklahoma and four to Colorado.

The backfield seems to be filled with a group of potential super stars. Leading the group is Barrs, a 6-2, 210-pounder from West Mesa High in Albuquerque.

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name	Hometown	Ht.	Wt.	College
TE	Don Hasselbeck,	Cincinnati, Ohio	6-8	220	Colorado
T	Bob Hayes,	Bakerefield, Calif.	6-6	265	Nebraska
G	Anthony Bryant,	Port Arthur	6-4	240	Oklahoma
C	Mike Butler,	Washington D.C.	6-6	235	Kansas
G	Tom Dela Hunt,	Cypress, Calif.	6-4	225	Kansas State
T	Scott Smith,	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	6-3	240	Iowa State
SE	Charles Baker,	Port Arthur, Tex.	6-3	180	Nebraska
QB	Randy Garcia,	Los Angeles, Calif.	6-3	180	Nebraska
RB	Richard McCampbell,	Pampa,	6-0	195	Oklahoma
RB	Mike Tyson,	Charleston, W. Va.	6-0	185	Iowa State
RB	Ray Barrs,	Albuquerque, N.M.	6-2	210	Colorado
FL	Bobby Thomas,	Philadelphia, Pa.	5-8	160	Nebraska

DEFENSE

E	Vic Brown,	Newark, N.J.	6-4	210	Oklahoma
T	Morris Towns,	St. Louis, Mo.	6-5	275	Missouri
NG	Stan Waldemore,	Newark, N.J.	6-5	255	Nebraska
T	Chez Evans,	Seminole, Okla.	6-3	270	Oklahoma
E	Phil Dokes,	Little Rock, Ark.	6-5	230	Oklahoma State
LB	Theopolis Bryant,	Tifton, Ga.	6-1	240	Kansas State
LB	Obie Moore,	Austin, Tex.	6-0	207	Oklahoma
LB	Ron Ghrist,	Pittsfield, Ill.	6-2	221	Missouri
CB	Melvin Johnson,	Houma, La.	5-11	175	Colorado
CB	Vernon Davis,	West Palm Beach	5-10	180	Iowa State
S	Ricky Taylor,	Carson, Calif.	5-11	185	Oklahoma State
S	Tom Tesone,	Cherry Creek, Colo.	6-2	190	Colorado

"He's the greatest runner I've seen in 17 years in Albuquerque," said high school coach Jimmy Juarez. "Just about every major college in the country was after him. He's a great prospect because of his size and speed. He runs the 40 in about 4.5."

In his three-year prep career, the elusive Barrs gained 4,158 yards rushing. His most productive campaign was his junior year when he picked up 2,054 yards in acreage. As a senior he gained only 833 yards. But the reason was he missed half the season with an ankle injury.

"His ankle is okay," said Juarez. "During the spring he ran a 9.9 in the 100." Colorado hopes Barrs will give it reserve strength behind Charlie Davis.

Folks in Lincoln, Neb. may have shed a few tears when Johnny Rodgers departed, but a guy by the name of Bobby Thomas from Philadelphia is going to try to help make them forget about the Heisman Trophy winner.

Thomas is a 5-8, 160-pound flyer who broke Southern Cal's J. K. McKay prep receiving records. Thomas, nicknamed "Mr. Clean" caught 87 passes for 1,252 yards as a senior, including 21 touchdowns. For two years he latched on to 155 aerials and crossed the goal line 55 times.

"Everyone that has seen him, Joe Paterno of Penn State and Woody Hayes of Ohio State, say that Bobby was the best receiver in the country. They said he could have started for them as a freshman," said prep coach Frank Murphy.

"He has tremendous moves. Anytime he touched the ball it was a potential touchdown. There were over 250 schools who contacted him. He's the most gifted athlete I have ever seen. He hit .475 in baseball and can touch the rim in basketball. He's a great leaper."

RICHARD McCAMPBELL, Oklahoma

TOM TESONE, Colorado

Oklahoma hopes that Richard McCampbell, a 6-0, 195-pound sprinter will be able to give the Sooners good backup strength behind regulars Joe Washington and Grant Burget at the halfback slots.

"Richard is big and strong and has great speed," said Pampa coach Buddy Williams. "And he has great moves. He runs the 40 in 4.5 and the 100 in 9.6. Once he turns upfield, it's all over."

As a senior McCampbell rushed for 963 yards for an 11.7 yard per carry average. As a junior he picked up at least 12 yards per carry. "We think Richard is one of the top backs we recruited," says Switzer. "We're hoping for big things from him."

Iowa State went to Charleston, West Virginia to ink Mike Tyson. The 6-0, 185-pound tailback has been timed in 9.6 for the 100 and 21.0 in the 220. Tyson was an all-stater as a soph and junior, but did not play as a senior because of disciplinary problems. "He's all straightened out now," said coach Frank Vincent.

"He's the best back to come out of West Virginia in a long time," said one Charleston writer. "We think he will be able to help us some this year," said Iowa State coach Jim Weaver, who recruited him.

Named at the quarterback slot is Randy Garcia of Los Angeles. The 6-3, 180-pounder was named "Player of the Yoar" in Los Angeles as a senior. His passing statistics are sensational.

As a senior Garcia hit on 149 of 249 passes for 2,354 yards and 26 touchdowns in 11 games. He had only 10 intercepted. He was also the team's punter and field goal kicker. Garcia is Nebraska-bound.

"He's the greatest passer I have ever seen come out of Los Angeles," said Vic Cuccia who coached Randy at Wilson High. "He can throw the ball between 70 and 80 yards. He throws a 35-yard hook pass as easy as the average guy throws a 10-yard hook.

"He has an unbelieveable arm," continued Cuccia. "You should see him play shortstop in baseball. People have told him he could make the major leagues as a pitcher. He has pretty good speed. The amazing thing about his statistics is that he didn't have real good receivers to throw to."

Named to the end positions are a couple of All-Americans, Don Hasselbeck from Cincinnati and Charles Baker from Port Arthur, Tex.

STAN WALDEMORE, Nebraska

BOBBY THOMAS, Nebraska

Hasselbeck, who will be wearing a Colorado uniform much to the delight of Crowder, stands 6-8 by 220 pounds and covers the 40 in 4.8. During his last two years he caught 63 passes.

"Don is a tough kid with good speed," says Steve Rasso, his coach at LaSalle High. "He's a hard-nosed player. He's a great college prospect. Everyone in the Big Eight tried to recruit him."

Baker, who will be the property of Nebraska, is 6-3 and 180 pounds. He has run the 440 in 47.5 and the 40 in 4.5. In his senior year he hauled in 34 passes for 664 yards and a 19.5 average.

"Baker is one of the best receivers I have seen in high school," said coach Joe Washington, who is also the dad of OU halfback Joe Jr. "He's a terrific athlete with super hands. He had about 90 scholarship offers."

Another blue-chipper from the Port Arthur Lincoln club is

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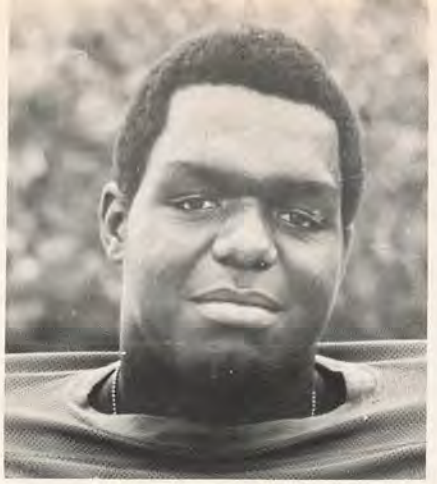


CHEZ EVANS, Oklahoma

VICTOR BROWN Oklahoma

NEBRASKA (41)

ENDS Bobby Thomas (5-8 1/2, 160), Bridgeport, Pa.; Mark Brock (6-4, 208), Omaha, Neb.; Rocke Loken, (5-11, 175), Littleton, Colo.; Charles Baker (6-2, 190), Port Arthur, Texas; Kent Spaeth, (6-4, 220), Mahtomedi, Minn.; Bruce Maske, (6-2, 195), Lincoln, Neb.; Steve Tangeman (6-4, 190), Omaha, Neb.; Tony Samuels, (6-3, 210), Jersey City, N.J.; Greg Jorgensen (6-2, 220), Minden, Neb.; James Jackson (6-3, 215), Lynchburg, Va.

INTERIOR LINEMEN Lawrence Humphrey (6-2, 235), Sidney, Neb.; Tom Davis (6-3, 235), Omaha, Neb.; Bob Hayes 6-6, 265), Bakersfield, Calif.; Joe Collura, (6-2, 205), Lincoln, Neb.; Gary Herman, (6-3, 215), Omaha, Neb.; Doug Ames, (6-3, 195), Minot, N.D.; Scott Hertenstein, (6-3, 220), West Covina, Calif.; Mike Clark, (6-6, 235), Phoenix, Ariz.; Stan Waldemore, (6-3, 235), Belleville, N.J.; John Minetti, (6-2, 220), East Orange, N.J.; Greg Fields, (6-6, 240), San Francisco, Calif.

LINEBACKERS Arty Semler (6-2, 215), Newark, N.J.; Lawrence Colley (6-0, 225), Monroe, Mich.; Jeff Carpenter (6-0, 200), Council Bluffs, Ia.; Reg Gast (6-2, 200), Lincoln, Neb.; Jim Wightman (6-2, 195), Omaha, Neb.; Dan Miller (6-2, 225), Hebron, Neb.

QUARTERBACKS Ed Burns (6-2, 207), Omaha, Neb.; Randy Garcia (6-3, 190), Los Angeles, Calif.; Rocke Senkbeil (6-4, 205), Grand Island, Neb.

RUNNING BACKS Jack Kelley (6-0, 185), Omaha, Neb.; Jason Justice (6-2, 225), LaMarque, Texas; Brian Thorlson (6-1, 181), Cedar Rapids, Ia.; King Block (6-0, 198), Nevada, Ia.; Kent Smith (6-2, 195), Thief River Falls, Minn.; Mike Fultz, (6-4, 230), Lincoln, Neb.; Dale Zabrocki (5-9, 168), Bellevue, Neb.; Rod Stovall (5-10, 175), Bellevue, Neb.; Larry Young (6-1, 195), Jersey City, N.J.; Dave Gillespie (6-1, 190), Saratoga, Calif.; Lindsay Kucera (6-1, 200), North Bend, Neb.

OKLAHOMA (41)

ENDS Billy Brooks (6-3, 205), 4.5, Houston, Tex.; Marshall Cantrell (6-4, 199), 4.7, Sapulpa, Okla.; Lee Hover (5-9, 160), 4.4, Morgan City, La.; Gary Potters (6-3, 215), 4.8, Santa Ana, Calif.; John Randolph (6-3, 200), 4.9, Seminole, Okla.; Sidney Brown (6-1, 187), 4.5, New Orleans; Roger Owens (5-11, 197), 4.6, Mesquite, Tex.

LINEMEN Anthony Bryant (6-3, 230), 5.0, Port Arthur, Tex.; Brett Cargill (6-4, 215), 4.8, Pleasant Hill, Calif.; Chez Evans (6-2, 270), 5.2, Seminole, Okla.; Jay Holman (6-1, 225), 5.0, Altus, Okla.; Dave Hudgens (6-4, 220), 5.2, Tulsa, Okla.; Jaime Melendez (6-2, 221), 5.2, Lawton, Okla.; Robert Mitchell (5-11, 192), 4.8, Sallisaw, Okla.; Mike Smith (6-2, 224), 5.3, Lawton, Okla.; Steve Staniland (6-4, 235), 5.3, Oxnard, Calif.; George Walrond (6-1, 220), 5.0, Lake Charles, La.; Truman Westfall (6-5, 205), 4.8, Brownwood, Tex.; Donald Vincent (6-2, 225), 4.9, Ada, Okla.

LINEBACKERS Victor Brown (6-4, 200), 4.9, Newark, N.J.; Jeff Cox (6-0, 200), 4.7, Lakewood, Colo.; Robbie Green (6-1, 195), 4.7, Eunice, M. M.; Obie Moore (6-0, 207), 4.8, Austin, Tex.; Russell Williamson (6-4, 195), 4.7, Dallas, Tex.

BACKS Waymon Clark (6-2, 205), 4.5, Austin, Tex.; Calvin Harris (6-3, 210), 4.6, Conroe, Tex.; Randy Hemdricks, (6-2, 195), 4.6, Morgan City, La.; Greg Hutchings (5-11, 160), 4.5, Hobbs, N.M.; David James, (5-11, 170), 4.4, Pauls Valley, Okla., Steve Larghe (5-11, 180), 4.6, Arvada, Colo.; Richard McCampbell (6-0, 180), 4.5, Pampa, Tex.; Jerry Reese (6-3, 195), 4.6, New Orleans; Charles Richards (5-11, 165), 4.6, Cherokee, Okla.; Frank Rohr, (5-10, 178), 4.6, Tulsa, Okla.; Clyde Russell (5-9, 185), 4.5, Fort Worth, Tex.; Doug Simcik (6-0, 185), 4.6, Northglenn, Colo.; Wayne Wheeler (5-7, 158), 4.4, Houston, Tex.; Ed Williams (5-9, 170), 4.5, Houston, Tex.; Anthony Peters (6-3, 190), 4.6, Pauls Valley, Okla.

QUARTERBACKS Tom McReynolds (6-2, 185), 4.7, Purcell, Okla.; Bill Whiteley (5-10, 172), 4.6, Lawton, Okla.

COLORADO (40)

ENDS Ellsworth Porter 6-0, 178, Houston, Texas; Steve Franzen (6-1, 205), Westminster, Colo.; Buck Arnold (6-4, 195), Boulder, Colo.; Don Hasselbeck (6-8, 220), Cincinnati, Ohio; Robert LaGarde (5-11, 175), Houma, La.; Tom Likovich (6-4, 215), Phoenix, Ariz.; George Osborne (6-5, 217), Salida, Colo.; Chuck Wiman (5-11, 185), Grand Junction, Colo.

LINEMEN Victor Odegaard (6-3, 220), Mukilteo, Wash.; John Cartwright (6-3, 210), Sacramento, Calif.; John Peters (6-8, 290), Maywood, Calif.; Leon White (6-2, 255), Bell, Calif.; Fred Lindsey (6-3, 252), Stockton, Calif.; Jim Simmerman (6-3, 210), Fresno, Calif.; Frank Patrick (6-3, 245), Houston, Texas; Will Byrd (6-6, 236), Coral Gables, Fla.; Steve Hakes (6-1, 210), Aurora, Colo.; Tiloi Lolotai (6-1, 210), Honolulu, Hawaii.

LINEBACKERS Jim Cedarstrom (6-3, 225), Scottsdale, Ariz.; Talasea Talasea (6-2, 220), Santa Ana, Calif.; Walt Krushall (5-11, 190), Boling, Texas; Tom Schmidt (6-2, 210) Phoeniz, Ariz.; Gary Johnson (6-2, 205), Arvada, Colo.; Mark Saylor (6-1, 205), Erie, Colo.; Mike Spivey (6-2, 200), Houston, Texas; Pat Confer (6-1, 220), Colonia, N.J.

QUARTERBACKS Polie Poltier (6-2, 170), Coral Gables, Fla.; Tom Tesone (6-2, 190), Cherry Creek, Colo.; Ted Cox (6-2, 180), Gretna, Neb.; Blake Arnold (6-0, 175), Oklahoma City, Okla.

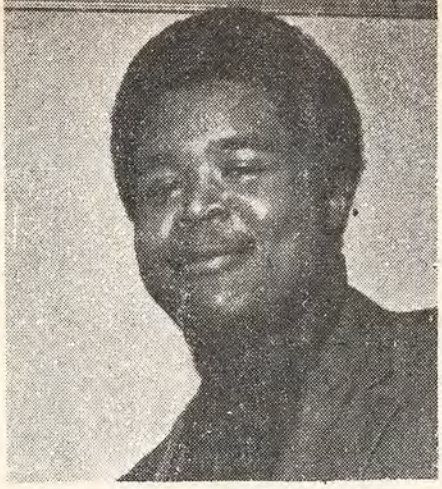
RUNNING BACKS Melvin Johnson (5-11, 175), Houma, La.; Tom Perry (6-3, 210), Colorado Springs, Colo.; Joe Bob Mundell (6-0, 185), Walsh, Colo.; Billy Waddy (6-0, 175), Boling, Texas; Brad Harris (6-1, 190), Bear Creek, Colo.; Ray Barrs (6-2, 210), Albuquerque, N.M.; John Nelson (6-2, 205), Winnipeg, Manitoba; Terry Dahlberg (6-2, 190), Castle Rock, Colo.

DEFENSIVE BACKS Mike Cilento (5-10, 170), Colonia, N.J.; Greg Westbrooks (6-3, 220), Kansas City, Mo. (Mesa, Colo., J.C.).

IOWA STATE (40)

ENDS Vernon Davis (6-1, 180), West Palm Beach, Fla.; Albert Dixon (6-5, 210), East St. Louis, Ill.; Carl Gadsden (6-3, 198), McKeesport, Pa.; Steve Hicks (6-2, 185), Chicago, Ill.; Anthony Norman (6-5, 210), Atlanta, Ga.; Lenzy Perine (6-2, 205), San Diego, Calif.; James Smith (6-2, 195), Palm Beach, Fla.; Maynard Stensrud (6-3, 210), Lake Mills, Iowa.

LINEMEN Dave Bunker (6-4, 220), Ames, Ia.; Dan Hanover (6-2, 230), Syracuse, N.Y.; Allan Kelley (6-2,215), Miami, Fla.; Ron McFarland (6-2, 240), Cincinnati, Ohio; Greg Miller (6-3, 235), Mitchell, S.D.; Gary Petsch (6-4, 220), Detroit, Mich.; Joe Phillips (6-1, 220), Miami, Fla.; Bob Police (6-0, 193), Belle Glade, Fla.;



MORRIS TOWNS, Missouri

Joe Safin (6-4, 230), Sioux City, Ia.; Scott Smith (6-3, 230), Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Rob Stoffel (6-2, 215), Dubuque, Ia.; Wally Yelberton (6-4, 223), Endwell, N.Y.

LINEBACKERS Dennis Belardinelli (6-1, 215), Endicott, N.Y.; Brad Cole (6-4, 220), San Diego, Calif.; Pat Kiger (6-4, 200), Sioux Falls, S.D.; Mitch Omer (6-4, 225), Minneapolis, Minn.

QUARTERBACKS Buddy Hardeman (6-0, 175), Auburn, N.Y.; Jerry Jakisch (6-1, 195), Omaha, Neb.; Rusty Shelley (6-2, 210), Joplin, Mo.; Mike Tryon (6-2, 180), Ames, Iowa; Joe Valasa (6-2, 183), Roselle Park, N.J.

RUNNING BACKS Lagrant Anthony (6-2, 185), Tampa, Fla.; Curtis Bryant (5-11, 187), Miami, Fla.; Frank Cooper (5-10, 190), West Palm Beach, Fla.; Mike Tyson (5-11, 190), Charleston, W. Va.

DEFENSIVE BACKS Barry Barritt (6-0, 200), Council Bluffs, Ia.; Tony Hawkins (6-1, 180), Syracuse, N.Y.; Bill Larkin (6-1, 170), Camillus, N.Y.: Tom Miller (5-10, 180), Dearborn, Mich.; Craig Volkens (6-3, 188), Reinbeck, Ia.; Dwayne Williams (5-11, 185), Miami, Fla.

KICKER Scott Kollman (6-0, 175), Cedai Falls, Ia.

MISSOURI (32)

ENDS Doug DeNike (6-3, 180), Agincourt, Ontario; Pete Blake (6-0, 180), St. Louis, Mo.; Bruce Carter (6-4, 180), St. Louis, Mo.; Bill Collins (6-2, 190), Chicago, Ill. John McDonald (6-4, 195), Webster Groves, Mo.; Keith Morrissey (6-4, 200), Gallatin, Mo.

LINEMEN Oliver Burbridge (6-4, 220), St. Louis, Mo.; Randy Frisch (6-4, 220), St. Louis, Mo.; John Gourley (6-3, 230), St. Louis, Mo.; Tom Kowalczyk (6-3, 235), St. Louis, Mo.; Bill Mullen (6-5, 200), Grandview, Mo.; Morris Towns (6-5, 275), St. Louis, Mo.; Bruce Whitmer (6-3, 230), Liberty, Mo.; Joel Yearian (6-3, 235) Woodridge, Ill.; Dave Zimmerman (6-1, 220), Centralia, Ill.

LINEBACKERS Ron Ghrist (6-2, 216), Pittsfield, Ill.; Don Cole (6-3, 221), Springfield, Mo.; Bob Hertzog (6-0, 205), Lee's Summit, Mo.; Carl Luecke (6-3, 211), St. Louis, Mo.

QUARTERBACKS Terry Barth (6-2, 190), East Gary, Ind.; Timothy Gibbons (5-10, 180), St. Louis, Mo.; Paul Long, Camdenton, Mo.; Steve Mally (6-1, 195), Chicago, Ill.

RUNNING BACKS Dean Leibson (6-0, 190), Manlius, N.Y.; Mark Phillips (6-0, 190), Peoria, Ill.; Mark Putnam (6-1, 195), Chillicothe, Mo.; Phil Reynolds (6-2, 193), Aglncourt, Ontario; Paul Schermann (6-0, 187), Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Jornel Williams (6-1, 196), St. Louis, Mo.

DEFENSIVE BACKS Paul Bennett (5-11, 185), Toronto, Ontario; James Bess (6-1, 185), St. Louis, Mo.; Iarry Davis (5-11, 180), East Aurora, Ill., and Rob Fitzerald (6-0, 185), Springfield, Mo.

KANSAS (38)

LINEMEN Doug Barrington (6-3, 230), Shawnee Mission South, Ks.; Leslie Barnes (6-3, 215), Port Lavaca, Texas; Terry Beeson (6-3, 215), Coffeyville, Ks.; Michael Butler (6-6, 235), Washington D.C.; Jim De Mario (6-3, 205), Kansas City-O'Hara, Mo.; John DeSocio (6-3, 230), Wichita-Southeast, Ks.; Bill Griffin (6-3, 230), N. Kansas City-Oak Park, Mo.; David Howerton (6-5, 250), Carthage, Mo.; Paul Marghеim (6-7, 200), Great Bend, ks.; Dan Mills (6-2, 230), Ft. Riley-Junction City, Ks.; Don Pile (6-3, 190), Garden City, Ks.; Morris Pippin (6-3, 230), Kansas City-Truman, Mo.; Dick Ray (6-7, 230), Chanute, Ks.; Al Shank (6-2, 190), Liberal, Ks.; Mike Simpson (6-3, 200), Blue Springs, Mo.; Rick Stephens (6-2, 220), Osawatomie, Ks.; David Sheline (6-2, 230), Oklahoma City-N.W. Classen, Okla.; Blake Thompson (6-c, 230), Leavenworth, Ks.; Herschel Vansickle (6-3, 210), Port Lavaca, Texas; Ron Wellman (6-3, 195), Lawrence, Ks.; Dale Zook (6-2, 185), Larned, Ka.; Clif Frazier (6-5, 270), Ft. Scott, Ks.

QUARTERBACKS Nolan Cromwell (6-2, 180), Ransom, Ks.; Tom Krattli (6-1, 185), Leavenworth, Ks.; Scott McCamy (6-0, 195), St. Joseph-Benton, Mo.; Skip Sharp (5-10, 175), Kansas City-Washington, Ks.; Steve Weatherford (6-1, 190), Liberal, Ks.

RUNNING BACKS Steve Cook (6-2, 185), Meade, Ks.; Ron Darmon (5-11, 205), Wichita-Southeast, Ks.; Jim Daniel (5-10, 205), Putnam City, Okla.; Clif Doran (6-2, 195), N. Kansas City, Mo.; Tom Fitch (6-2, 185), Topeka-West, Ks.; Jim Manning (5-10, 170), Shawnee Mission-West, Ks.; Calvin Prince (5-10, 195), Americus, Ga.; Jay Randall (6-2, 205), St. Joseph-Benton, Mo.; Andy Reust (5-10, 170), N. Kansas City, Mo.; Lavurne Smith (5-11, 175), WichitaSoutheast, Ks.; Dennis Wright (6-2, 200), Mound City, Mo.

KANSAS STATE (37)

ENDS Kirk Darland (6-1, 175), Manhattan, ks.; John Andrews (6-2, 180), Macon, Ga.; Bill Dixon (6-4, 210), Cordela, Ga.; Garland Gipson (6-1, 185), Lawton, Okla.; Ken Thomas (6-2, 215), Fairbury Junior College.

LINEMEN Dave Cary (6-3, 215), Wichita-North, Ks.; Ray Long (6-2, 190), El Dorado, Kan.; Doug Moeckel (6-5, 220), Hays, Ks.; Mike Osborn (6-5, 210), Shawnee Mission South, Ks.; Terry Reilly (6-2, 206), Fairway-Bishop Miege, Ks.; Tom Dela Hunt (6-4, 225), Cypress, Calif.; Dave Green (6-6, 233), Washington, Ia.; Mark Kozak (6-4, 205), Parma-Normandy High, Ohio; Ron Mersch (6-4, 190), Des Moines-Dowling High, Ia.; John Olmstead (6-4, 225), Burbank-Reavis High, Ill.; Carmen Trevitt (6-2, 225), Forsyth-Mary Persons High, Ga.; Bill Crosby (6-4, 240), Triton Junior College, Chicago, Ill.

LINEBACKERS Dan Bowden (5-10, 215), Fairway, Ks.; Don Bredemier (6-0, 205), Marion, Ks.; Perry Viers (6-1, 190), Little River, Ks.; Theopolis Bryant (6-1, 240), Tifton, Ga.; Mike Kruse (6-1, 228), Oaklawn, Ill.; Carl Pennington (6-2, 235), Forsyth, Ga.; Vic Chandler (6-3, 190), McPherson, Ks.

QUARTERBACKS Arthur Baily (6-3, 190), Montgomery, Ala.; Rod DeBoe (6-2, 205), Toledo, Ohio.

RUNNING BACKS Dennis Frazee (6-3, 185), Summerfield, Ks.; Marvin Switzer (6-0, 180), Bogue, Ks.; L.T. Edwards (6-0, 185), Miami, Fla.; Henry Lige (5-9, 175), Montgomery, Ala.; James Marshall (6-0, 190), Wrightsville, Ga.; Greg Petree (6-0, 165), Shawnee, Okla.; Al Terry Reese (6-3, 190), Johnston, Texas; Roscoe Scobey (5-9, 185), Oklahoma City, Okla.; Hardin Weech (6-0, 210), Miami, Fla.; Carl Whitfield (6-0, 175), LaGrange, Fla.; Willis Leonard (6-0, 180), Washington D.C.

OKLAHOMA STATE (33)

ENDS Bruce Blankenship (6-4, 210), Tulsa, Okla.; Sam Lisle (6-1 1-2, 188), Oklahoma City, Okla.; Carl Stremme (6-1, 185), Tulsa, Okla.; Calvin Miller, (6-2, 220), Gulfport, Miss.

LINEMEN Richard Allen (6-1, 230), Lawton, Okla.; Dennis Ashton (6-5, 210), Waynoka, Okla.; John Boyer (6-2, 230), Oklahoma City, Okla.; Milton Hardaway (6-9, 340), Seguin, Tex.; Rich Latorraca (6-4, 285), Old Bridge, N.J.; Jim Ledford (6-1, 225), Oklahoma City, Okla.; Pete Mangurian (6-4, 220), Encino, Calif; Greg Metcalf (6-4, 240), Santa Barbara, Calif.; Frank Minter (6-0, 235), Fort Worth, Tex.; Mark Muder (6-4 1-2, 240), Kansas City, Kan.; David Nalley (6-6, 260), Seminole, Okla.; Bob Ringwall (6-4, 240), Carteret, N.J.; David Towe (6-3, 235), Oklahoma City, Okla.; S. L. Stephens (6-1, 235), Gulfport, Miss.

LINEBACKERS Derrel Gofourth (6-3, 218), Parsons, Kan.; Mike Ritz (6-0, 205), Oklahoma City, Okla.; John Weimer (6-0, 220), Whittier, Calif.

QUARTERBACKS Jimmy Derrick (6-2, 190), Checotah, Okla.; Doug Johnson (5-10, 165), Ponca City, Okla.; Kent Shirley (6-1 1-2, 180), Pauls Valley, Okla.; Charlie Weatherbie (6-1, 190), Fort Scott , Kan.

RUNNING BACKS Billy Jones (5-11, 180), Clovis, N.M.; Bobby Miller (6-2, 185), Edmond, Okla.; Tim Rusher (6-2, 225), Holdenville, Okla.; Ricky Taylor (5-9, 170), Carson, Calif.; Leonard Thompson (6-0, 189), Tucson, Ariz.; Robert Turner (5-11, 190), Wynnewood, Okla.

DEFENSIVE BACKS Joe Avanzini (6-2, 195), Coalgate, Okla.; Reggie Pierson (6-0, 180), Compton, Calif.

1972 BIG EIGHT TEAM and

FINAL 1972 STANDINGS

	Conference Games						All Games (Including Bowls)					
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	O.Pts.	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	O.Pts.
Oklahoma	6	1	0	.857	289	68	11	1	0	.917	399	74
Nebraska	5	1	1	.786	281	57	9	2	1	.792	501	97
Oklahoma State	4	3	0	.571	163	135	8	4	0	.667	313	206
Colorado	4	3	0	.571	158	145	6	5	0	.545	259	203
Missouri	3	4	0	.429	96	140	6	6	0	.500	219	311
Iowa State	2	4	1	.357	159	158	5	6	1	.458	319	238
Kansas	2	5	0	.285	83	201	4	7	0	.364	208	305
Kansas State	1	6	0	.143	94	271	3	8	0	.273	169	407

TEAM RANKINGS BY DEPARTMENTS

RUSHING OFFENSE

	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Oklahoma	11	803	4057	368.8
Oklahoma State	11	707	3497	317.9
Colorado	11	629	2753	250.3
Nebraska	11	622	2412	219.3
Iowa State	11	538	2365	215 0
Missouri	11	639	2139	194.5
Kansas	11	473	1430	130.0
Kansas State	11	408	1354	123.1

RUSHING DEFENSE

	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Oklahoma	11	409	1124	102.2
Nebraska	11	516	1240	112.7
Colorado	11	508	1848	168.0
Iowa State	11	576	1870	170 0
Oklahoma State	11	589	1925	175 0
Missouri	11	572	1975	179.5
Kansas	11	595	2267	206.1
Kansas State	11	684	3115	283.2

PASSING OFFENSE

	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Avg.
Nebraska	161	306	20	.526	2431	221.0
Kansas	159	315	23	.505	2287	207.9
Iowa State	148	323	22	.458	1979	179.9
K-State	165	368	30	.448	1977	179.7
Colorado	96	204	8	.471	1249	113 5
Oklahoma	67	150	9	.447	1198	108.9
Missouri	64	160	17	.400	1047	95 2
Okla. State	31	104	6	.298	582	52.9

PASSING DEFENSE

	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Avg.
Nebraska	94	248	13	.379	1171	106 5
Oklahoma	124	282	22	.440	1370	124.5
Colorado	125	257	21	.486	1640	149.1
K-State	132	245	13	.539	1747	158 8
Okla. State	126	278	28	.453	1838	167.1
Iowa State	129	279	23	.462	1891	171.9
Kansas	128	278	19	.460	1934	175.8
Missouri	127	262	11	.485	1944	176.7

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Oklahoma	11	953	5255	477.7
Nebraska	11	928	4843	440.3
Iowa State	11	861	4344	394.9
Oklahoma State	11	811	4079	370 8
Colorado	11	833	4002	363.8
Kansas	11	788	3717	337.9
Kansas State	11	776	3331	302.8
Missouri	11	799	3186	289.6

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Nebraska	11	764	2411	219.2
Oklahoma	11	691	2494	226.7
Colorado	11	765	3488	317.1
Iowa State	11	855	3761	341.9
Oklahoma State	11	867	3763	342 1
Missouri	11	834	3919	356.3
Kansas	11	873	4201	381.9
Kansas State	11	929	4862	442.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

SCORING OFFENSE

	G	Pts.	Avg.
Nebraska	11	461	41.9
Oklahoma	11	385	35.0
Colorado	11	310	28.2
Iowa State	11	289	26.3
Oklahoma State	11	259	23.5
Kansas	11	208	18.9
Missouri	11	184	16.7
Kansas State	11	169	15.4

SCORING DEFENSE

	G	Pts.	Avg.
Oklahoma	11	74	6.7
Nebraska	11	91	8.3
Colorado	11	182	16.5
Oklahoma State	11	203	18.5
Iowa State	11	207	18.8
Missouri	11	262	23.8
Kansas	11	305	27.7
Kansas State	11	407	37.0

LEADING RUSHERS

Player, School	Att.	Net	Play Avg.	Game Avg.
Mike Strachan, IS	267	1260	4.7	114.5
Greg Pruitt, OU	152	938	6.2	85.3
George Palmer, OS	193	937	4.9	85 2
Charlie Davis, CU	201	926	4.6	84.2
Brent Blackman, OS	166	842	5.1	76 5
Leon Crosswhite, OU	139	614	4.4	68 2
Bo Matthews, CU	155	720	4.6	65.5
Jerome Nelloms, KU	179	684	3.8	62 2
Isaac Jackson, KS	147	599	4.1	59.9
Joe Washington, OU	115	630	5.5	57.3
Fountain Smith, OS	90	610	6 8	55.5
Don Calhoun, KS	131	608	4.6	55.3
Gary Dixon, NU	130	506	3.9	50.6
Ray Bybee, MU	88	449	5.1	44.9
Tom Reamon, MU	115	454	3.9	41.3
George Amundson, IS	121	430	3.6	39.1
Don Johnson, MU	120	406	3 4	36.9
Ken Johnson, CU	132	378	2.9	34.4
Bill Olds, NU	62	341	5.5	34.1
Delvin Williams, KU	67	352	5.3	32 0
Gary Campbell, CU	58	341	5.9	31 0
Robert Miller, KU	62	330	5.3	30 0
Joe Wylie, OU	64	330	5.2	30 0
Jeff Moran, NU	64	323	5.0	29.4
Alton Gerard, OS	71	283	4.0	28 3
Dave Robertson, OU	120	278	2.3	25.3
James Nunn, OS	67	269	4.0	24.5

LEADING RECEIVERS

Player, School	G	No.	Yds.	TD	Ct. PG
John Goerger, KS	11	57	612	1	5.2
Johnny Rodgers, NU	11	55	942	8	5 0
Bruce Adams, KU	11	39	704	8	3.5
Bob Revelle, NU	11	38	487	4	3 5
Henry Childs, KS	10	33	467	5	3.3
J. V. Cain, CU	9	30	407	0	3.3
Keith Krepfle, IS	9	30	450	4	3.3
Willie Jones, IS	11	34	606	5	3.1
Emmett Edwards, KU	9	26	464	2	2 9
Ike Harris, IS	10	26	400	3	2 6
John Schroll, KU	11	28	344	2	2.5
Jerry List, NU	11	22	339	3	2.0

PUNTING

Player, School	No.	Yards	Avg.
Rich Sanger, NU	50	2012	40.2
Joe Brandt, KS	74	2951	39.9
Greg Mulhall, IS	24	954	39 8
Mike Wedman, CU	16	635	39.7
John Stearns, CU	27	1054	39 0
Jack Bastable, MU	71	2596	36.6
Joe Wylie, OU	42	1486	35.4
Dave Ratliff, OS	56	1963	35.1
Marc Harris, KU	75	2543	33 9
Doug Keown, IS	36	1200	33.3

LEADING PASSERS

Player, School	G	Comp.	Att.	Had Int.	Pct.	Gain	TD	Game Avg
Dave Jaynes, KU	11	153	287	21	.553	2253	15	204.8
Dave Humm, NU	11	140	266	16	.526	2074	17	188.6
George Amundson, IS	11	145	313	21	.463	1957	15	177.9
Dennis Morrison, KS	11	136	300	23	.453	1596	9	145.1
Dave Robertson, OU	11	56	110	4	.509	1054	9	95.8
Ken Johnson, CU	11	83	182	7	.456	1044	5	95.4
John Cherry, MU	11	52	131	15	.397	861	5	78.3

STATISTICS

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TOTAL OFFENSE

		Rushing		Passing			TOTAL		Play	Game
Player, School	G	Att.	Yds.	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Avg.
George Amundson, IS	11	121	430	145	313	1957	434	2387	5.5	217.0
Dave Jaynes, KU	11	70	—171	153	287	2253	357	2082	5 8	189 3
Dave Humm, NU	11	48	—130	140	266	2074	314	1944	6 2	176.7
Dennis Morrison, KS	11	22	—50	136	300	1596	322	1546	4.8	140.5
Ken Johnson, CU	11	132	378	83	182	1044	314	1422	4.5	129 3
Brent Blackman, OS	11	166	842	30	102	572	268	1414	5.3	128.5
Dave Robertson, OU	11	120	278	56	110	1054	230	1332	5.8	121.1
Mike Strachan, IS	11	267	1260	0	2	0	269	1260	4.7	114.5
John Cherry, MU	11	146	233	52	131	861	277	1094	3.9	99.5

SCORING

Player, School	G	TD	PAT	Field Goals	Points	Points Per Game
Johnny Rodgers, NU	11	17	0	0	102	9.3
Greg Pruitt, OU	11	14	2-1	0	86	7.8
Charlie Davis, CU	11	14	0	0	84	7.6
Fred Lima, CU	11	0	35-36	15-34	80	7.3
Rich Sanger, NU	11	0	58-62	6-14	76	6.9
Rick Fulcher, OU	11	0	38-40	9-15	65	5.9
Tom Goedien, IS	11	0	33-36	10-30	63	5 7
Greg Hill, MU	11	0	19 21	13-19	58	5 3
Eddie Garrett, OS	11	1	22-27	9-18	55	5 0
George Amundson, IS	11	9	0	0	54	4.9
Gary Dixon, NU	10	8	0	0	48	4.8
Bruce Adams, KU	11	8	2-0	0	50	4.5
Dave Goeller, NU	11	8	0	0	48	4.4
Mike Strachan, IS	11	8	0	0	48	4.4
Alton Gerard, OS	10	7	0	0	42	4 2
Joe Washington, OU	11	7	2-1	0	44	4.0

PUNT RETURNS

Player, School	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
Johnny Rodgers, NU	39	618	2	15.8
Steve Haggerty, CU	26	352	1	13.5
John Schweitzer, IS	19	193	0	10.2

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player, School	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
Mike Fink, MU	21	450	0	21.4
Don Calhoun, KS	16	281	0	17.6

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Player, School	No.	Yds.	TD
Alvin Brown, OS	8	117	0
Darryl Stewart, OS	7	109	0
Cullen Bryant, CU	7	63	1
John Stearns, CU	6	110	0
John Schweizer,IS	5	52	1
Dan Ruster, OU	5	49	0

KICK SCORING

Player, School	G	PAT	FG	Pts.	PPG
Fred Lima, CU	11	35 36	15-34	80	7.3
Rich Sanger, NU	11	58-62	6-14	76	6 9
Rick Fulcher, OU	11	38-40	9-15	65	5.9
Tom Goedjen, IS	11	33-36	10-30	63	5 7
Greg Hill, MU	11	19-21	13-19	58	5.3
Eddie Garrett, OS	11	22-27	9-18	49	4.5
Bob Helmbacher, KU	11	19-21	7-11	40	3 6
Keith Brumley, KS	11	16-16	3-5	25	2.3

Buffs Have Few Questionmarks on Offense

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Both tight end J.V. Cain and fullback Bo Matthews are considered as cinch first-round pro draft choices. And Davis is certainly a contender for such consideration.

Why Matthews, who missed the contact work during the spring after minor winter knee surgery, over Davis? "Because Matthews will break more tackles," said one pro sleuth of the 228-pounder who ran for more yards (720) last year than any CU fullback in Crowder's decade.

Davis' 2-year statistics are staggering —2,600 yards and 26 touchdowns— and with a good year the West Columbia, Texas product will be zeroing in on Steve Owens' Big Eight rushing records.

Dave Logan, the blue-chipper of last year's freshman class who played behind Keyworth as the only frosh on the varsity full-time, moved in at wingback along with another soph-to-be Emory Moorehead. Crowder tabbed Logan one of the surprises of spring practice and seemed satisfied the 2-sport standout was now battle-toughened and ready to make his mark on the gridiron.

The other receiving position is stacked, too, with veterans Steve Haggerty, one of the Big Eight's best punt returners, and Rick Ellwood.

There will be three new faces in Colorado's offensive line, but the expectations are for a better tackle-to-tackle alignment than a year ago. At guard, Doug Payton was good enough to start in '72, however was deferred for a year in order to gain experience. He's ready now. Dennis Cimmino, a red-shirt sophomore, beat out second teamer Doug Payton for the other guard position and Wayne Mattingly wrestled the other tackle position away from highly regarded Larry Allen.

Center William McDonald, who played the best football of his career when most of his teammates were stumbling last fall, and tackle Greg Horton are the holdovers up front.

Defensively, the old cliche of not being able to tell the players without a scorecard is appropriate.

As on offense, the look defensively will be new, with the Buffs using the "50" defense popularized by Nebraska and first copied by Oklahoma.

Colorado had only one full-time starter from '72 playing the same position for the entire spring. And that was Mark Cooney, a 6-5, 221-pound tackle who suffered a knee injury in the Varsity-Alumni and had to undergo surgery less than 24 hours later. Cooney, who played at a tiny Class B parochial high school in San Antonio, Texas, came out of nowhere to be just about the Buffs' best defensive lineman last fall. "The surgery was very successful," Crowder said, "but now Mark will have to spend the entire summer building the leg back up. He had hoped to go on a very strenuous weight-lifting program."

If Cooney returns at anything less than 100 per cent in late August, Colorado could have serious problems In the middle of the line.

In pinpointing potential trouble areas on defense, you must point to middle guard and the secondary.

"This odd-type defense is poor unless you have a good middle guard," Crowder conceded. Dave Orvis (Herb's little brother), a 198-pounder, came out of the spring No. 1. An ex-linebacker, Orvis has good quickness, but his ability to take a physical pounding for a full 60 minutes must be questioned.

CU ended the spring with two sets of ends—veterans Lennie Ciufo and John Stavely and sophomores Whitney Paul and Alvan Phillips. With experience, Crowder conceded the rookies could be even better than 2-year starters Ciufo and Stavely. Stavely, who missed the entire '72 season while recovering from knee surgery the previous spring, is still something of a questionmark physically.

Crowder Figures CU is set at one linebacking spot with Jeff Geiser, one of last year's top sophomores. The other spot could go to any one of half-a-dozen candidates, the most well known of whom are Gary Campbell, Rick Stearns, Ed Shoen and Bobby Hunt. The latter three were starters at one time or another last year.

In the secondary, only safety Rich Bland has any experience. But the presence of Jon Keyworth and Ozell Collier insures blue chip credentials.

That Colorado has come up short defensively for '73, particularly in the middle of the line, should not be the greatest surprise in the world. If everything had gone as planned, Bubba Bridges and Bud Magrum, both of whom will play professionally in Canada, would be at one tackle spot and middle guard, respectively, for CU this fall. But Bridges was tripped up on an academic technicality last summer that ruled out the possibility of his every playing again for Colorado. And Magrum and the CU staff did not exactly see eye-to-eye over the more austere program imposed on the players beginning last winter.

There is no crying in the Colorado camp over what might have been, though.

Colorado has too many things going its way for that.

Like Fred Lima, the national kick-scoring leader of 1972 who missed only one extra point during the entire season and sideswiped a bare-foot best field goal of 57 yards.

Lima was as caught up in the fever of spring practice as any Buffs, volunteering for duty at linebacker until he broke his right forearm. Lima, you can trust, will be a specialist again this fall.

RECOVERY OF MARK COONEY (73) is crucial

Crowder's Viewpoint . . .

A YEAR AGO COLORADO coach Eddie Crowder joined with his players and openly talked of the Buffs' dreams of a No. 1 finish, both in the Big Eight and nationally.

This time around, the CU coach's lips are almost sealed.

"The Big Eight, because of the four new staff situations, is probably more of an unknown than at anytime in several years," Crowder says. "As well as the coaching changes, there has also been a considerable turnover in player personnel, particularly among the key players. Greg Pruitt, Johnny Rodgers and Rich Glover are gone, leaving some real questionmarks. As a result, everybody has their hat in the ring right now.

"I don't anticipate any dropoff in ability in the Big Eight, though. The talent is so deep, there'll definitely be some surprises. Look how Strachan (Iowa State tailback Mike Strachan) just came out of the blue to become a super star.

"As for Colorado, we had so many veterans injured in the spring, it was impossible to put together a set lineup on defense. So we're really in the dark as to what kind of defense we'll have. It could develop into an excellent defense, but it will be inexperienced. In that area, we're a real unknown."

A total of 10 veterans, including nine on defense, were on the injured list when spring ball ended, but Crowder seems confident most are on the way to recovery.

What does the '73 season promise for sophomores Craig Penrose and David Williams, the celebrated quarterbacks?

"If Penrose can stay healthy early in the fall and make good progress, he could be the starter," the CU coach said after he had time to analyze the spring. "He has that special ability to be able to move the team, as well as an excellent arm. His passes don't always look perfect, but the ball always gets where it's supposed to be. It's the same kind of thing Sonny Jurgensen has. Penrose's major drawback with us has been his injury problem. He missed all the spring work his first year and most of his sophomore year with a broken collarbone. Then this past spring, he took a good shot on the collarbone again and was out 13 days. So we decided to put him over with the Alumni so we could get a good look at him. Our older (alumni) guys back for the game were very impressed with Craig's leadership and the way he took charge.

"David Williams has an excellent future. He has an outstanding arm, too, and the quickness and ability Penrose lacks. He'll be able to scramble out of the pocket. He was just building up his confidence to the point where it needed to be when he pulled a shoulder muscle in the spring and had to curtail his throwing."

Sophs To Watch

IF DAVIS SLIPS, COLORADO CAN ALWAYS HURL 'BULLE

By DAN CREEDON *Boulder Camera*

LATE in the University of Colorado's second intra-squad scrimmage of the spring, Horace (Bullets) Perkins took a hand-off, cut off tackle on a tailback slant from the "I" formation, turned the corner on a couple of defenders who underestimated his 9.5 speed, romped 25 yards for a touchdown and pulled up lame at the goal line with a pulled hamstring muscle.

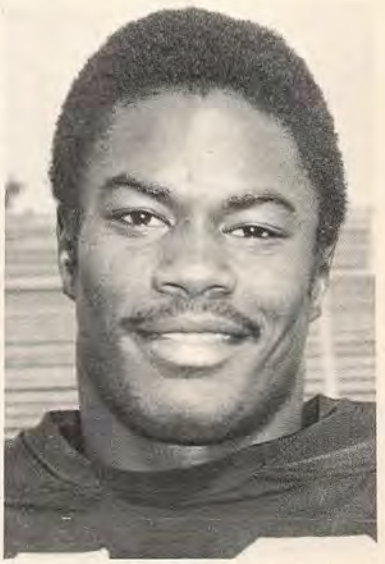
It was the last scrimmage play of the spring for the 5-9, 174-pounder from El Campo, Texas. "I'd like Bullets to be involved in the rest of the spring work," admitted CU coach Eddie Crowder, "But he has already showed me enough to let me know he can play in the fall." Two practices later, the CU coaching staff, secure in the knowledge it had adequate backup help at tailback for Charlie Davis, moved Gary Campbell, the soph who scored the Buffs' first touchdown against Oklahoma with a 43-yard run, to defense.

Perkins came into the CU program totally unheralded as a freshman who couldn't have weighed more than a 160 pounds. But freshman coach Dan Stevely took a liking to the minitailback quickly and hung the nickname of Bullets on him. "He told me after the first game that I shoot into the line like a bullet," explains Perkins, who averaged 8.4 yards per carry as a frosh and was named the team's most valuable player.

Davis, the Buff Perkins most likely will spell this year, had a hand in recruiting the youngster from El Campo, which is located about 90 miles south of Houston. But it wasn't really much of a hard sell. For Arizona State was the only other school offering Perkins a full ride and the Sun Devils, who always seem to have a stable of backs with Perkins' speed, were dangling a track, rather than football grant.

Of playing behind Davis, Perkins says: "That cat's good. I just hope I can make the second team. I've learned a lot running behind him."

Another rookie from the Houston Gulf area who figures prominently in Colorado's '73 plans, 6-4, 221-pound defensive end Whitney Paul, also was not heavily recruited coming out of Galveston's Ball High School, where he caught 23 Kerry Jackson passes as a senior and learned to polish his blocking talents in a Wishbone-T offense.



HORACE PERKINS

A non-predictor his first semester at Colorado, Paul was freed for second semeeter competition when the NCAA threw out the controversial 1.6 rule in January.

Colorado knew it had a very special talent even before spring drills opened, after Paul threw the shot put 54 feet and high jumped 6-10 early in the indoor track season. Ever here of a weight man (Whitney was the 4-A State discus champion in Texas, too) high jumping 6-10 before?

Paul, whose older brother Harold was a backup defensive end in 1971 at Oklahoma

TS' AT FOES

behind Raymond Hamilton, was originally ticketed as the heir-apparent to J.V. Cain's job at tight end. "But it became very apparent early in spring practice Whitney was a player with first-team potential," Crowder said. "And with J.V. at tight end, it was also quite apparent he couldn't play there right away. We were a little thin at defensive end, so we decided to try him there. I'd say he's going to be a very prominent player there (at defensive end) the next three years."

Paul didn't escape Cain's shadow immediately, since he was forced to line up and battle J.V. one-on-one almost every day of the spring when CU's No. 1 offensive and defensive units clashed. "I feel if I can play against J.V., I can do okay against any tight end in the conference," said Paul in something of an understatement.

The area of greatest opportunity in the Colorado program for new faces is in the defensive backfield, where junior college transfers Wayne Simmons (Tyler Texas JC), Rod Perry (Fresno City College), Ed Kertel (San Mateo, Calif. College) all have an excellent chance. Perry, a first team J.C. All-American in leading Fresno to an 11-1 record last fall, is the fastest Buff. He ran 4.4 in the spring. Perry will be used at cornerback and as a kick return specialist. Kertel, who intercepted eight passes last fall and also played some as a running back, has 4.6 speed and the muscle it takes to play strong safety. Cu originally hoped to use Simmons last year, but, since the Woodville, Texas native actually spent a few days on the Baylor campus, although he didn't attend class in Waco, he had to sit out a full year before becoming eligible. He'e a cinch to be the Buffs' punter, too.

DAVE LOGAN

CHARLIE DAVIS

WILLIAM McDONALD

JOE DUENAS

RANDY GEIST

SOUNDING OFF

DAVE LOGAN, wingback—"I'm more aware of what it takes to win now that I've been through spring ball. When I first came to Colorado and the coaches threw me in the game right away, it didn't seem much different than high school, except the crowds were bigger. But spring ball was really tough, nothing like in the fall when the only time you hit is during a game. We hit practica lly every day in the spring and I can see where it did me a lot of good, especially in learning to block from the wingback position. That's where I needed the most improvement. I still believe it's going to be difficult for a freshman, even a super athlete, to come in and play much his first year, unless he's a receiver on a strictly throwing team or in a pretty weak program."

CHARLIE DAVIS, tailback—"I thought I had a good spring. It really didn't matter that I was second string a lot of the time. When I play, I try to do the best job. I don't let it bother me. I couldn't do my best if I thought about it. I think the fans worry about it more than me. I had an opportunity to refine a great many of the little things I needed work on. I've learned how to look for the holes running inside. I'd never run inside until last fall. But it (running inside) is natural for me now. I don't think anybody will ever again give us the option like they did two years ago. Most teams declare on me right away to cut dowr on the pitch. I guess they'd rather have the quarterback running up inside than take a chance with me going all the way."

WILLIAM McDONALD, center — "We have to treat each and every game like a championship game. We didn't do this last season. We just have to make up our mind to play every Saturday like we did against Oklahoma. Yes, in a way, I'm glad to see Rich Glover gone, but there will always be Rich Glovers in the Big Eight. Personally, from my own game experience and from watching film, I thought Lucious Selmon had a better season (than Glover) last year. And although he didn't get the recognition, Barry Price gave me just as many problems. With so many teams going to the "50" defense, just about everybody is going to have a super nose guard. That's the key to the good "50" defense."

JOE DUENAS, quarterback—"I don't feel my size (5-7 3-4) is a handicap. Our defensive guys jump on me some, but maybe that's because they have a tough time getting a grip on me. I have a habit of ducking under tacklers. I'm closer to the ground and I can get under quicker. That's the way I have to run. I've been doing it since I was in high school. I don't do things deliberately, just by reaction. Passing was the weakest part of my game two years ago. But just by being around the system, I've learned to read defen ses better and pick up the patterns quicker."

RANDY GEIST, defensive end—"We played a lot of '50' defense toward the end of last season. The only difference between what we played last year and what we'll have this time is we didn't have a rover before (in '72). I think it will help us against the run, too. Nebraska has been using this defense for a long time and it's been pretty good to them. Our defense isn't so involved this year, so we won't make as many mistakes."

WE'RE NUMBER 1 rang throughout Folsom stadium after the Buffs knocked off the Sooners.

"last year there was too and that No. 1 stuff. This year there'll be less

J.V. Will

By FRANK HARAWAY *Denver Post*

IT WOULD BE EASY to get a mistaken impression of Colorado's James Victor Cain with the captivating grin that reflects the personality side of a happy-go-lucky young man of 21.

"Yeah, I'm a friendly cat," Cain admits, "but that's only one side of me. When it comes to football, I'm a serious man."

Colorado football foes will agree that Cain is a "cat" of a different connotation when his graceful 6-6, 227-pound body glides into the enemy secondary to catch a pass with those huge, soft mitts that seem to suck in footballs like a magnet. Or when he roars outside with deceptive 4.6 speed on an end around play that netted him an average of 9.1 yards on 12 carries last year. Or when he hurls his magnificent body into a defender on a crunching block.

For all of his friendly demeanor, Cain, who was known as James in his prep days at Houston's Booker T. Washington High School and "Junior" (he really is) to his teammates, is a man of lofty ambition.

"I want to win all of our games, be All-Big Eight, and be an All-American," he says as the smile momentarily vanishes. "They're the same goals I had last year, only this time I have only one year left in which to do it.

"It's all on the line for me this year. Also for Bill McDonald and Charlie Davis and Bo Matthews and Kenny Johnson and some of the others.

"This year I understand more what I'm trying to do. Last year and the year before I had a small problem on my blocking. Although I was called a tight end in high school I really was more of a split end. I didn't know anything about blocking. What blocking I did, I just did from a desire to get out there and hit somebody. But I like to block now and I'm a good blocker."

Cain is enough of a realist to know

much talk about a national championship

talk and more football played."

Be Raising CAIN In '73!

that "making All American" depends on publicity as much, perhaps more in some cases, as ability. Preseason publicity is especially helpful and in that department he should fare well. As far back as last spring he made one of the major preseason All-America teams (Football News), with indication of more to follow. He's on all the check lists.

Cain was vigorously recruited by 67 schools all over the country after Texas 4-A All-State and prep All-America credentials following 130 pass receptions in his last two years.

"Houston University had a man pick me up and take me to breakfast before I went to school and that was before 8 a.m." he recalls. "My first choice was Houston but then Kansas got hold of me and I was about to sign with them. But everyone wanted me to take a trip to Colorado and Bill McDonald, who had signed about three weeks before, kept encouraging me to visit Colorado. When I did, I liked everything about the school. I'm glad I made the trip. Another thing that influenced me was that I wanted to play in a tough conference and there isn't any tougher than the Big Eight."

Eligibility technicalities undoubtedly kept J.V. from attaining his full potential sooner than he might have. In a period covering more than two years his football participation was twice interrupted by interpretations of the NCAA's controversial 1.6 rule, which no longer is in existence.

Cain was awarded an athletic grant in September, 1970, in accordance with NCAA and Big Eight rules. One month later and one game into the freshman schedule, the admissions and records office at CU, in a review of all new admissions, found that he had graduated from high school after the completion of a summer session and requested re-figuring of his rank in class from his high school.

The re-figuring placed him slightly below the 1.6 requirement for eligibility. He was immediately withdrawn from participation and the Big Eight Conference was notified of the facts of the action which had been taken. He missed the rest of the valuable instruction of his freshman year as well as spring practice before his sophomore season.

But the Big Eight allowed him to play his sophomore season after verbal acceptance of subsequent formal certification material from his high school. But the NCAA, upon review of his case, ruled the day before 1972 practice started that Cain would have to sacrifice one year's competition as a result of that one month's participation in freshman ball.

Then after CU officials and an attorney reaffirmed the facts of the case in an appeal to the NCAA, the NCAA decided to restore Cain's eligibility.

All of this took more than a month and by this time Cain had missed all preseason practice, plus one more week, and the season's first two games.

"I didn't know what was going on or what to think," Cain said. "I thought all that stuff was over after I finished my freshman year." He had compiled better than a 2.0 grade average.

"I thought I could take it a little better by staying away from the first game and listening to it on the radio," Cain said. "It bothers you to know you're supposed to be in there but you can't be. I finally got up enought guts to go to the Cincinnati game."

With eligibility dramatically restored, Cain immediately jumped into the starting lineup in the third game at Minnesota and played a prominent role in Colorado's 38-6 victory. Despite missing the first two games, he went on to catch 34 passes for 452 yards, counting the Gator Bowl game with Auburn, a figure exceeded only by Monte Huber (1967-69) in CU football history. The CU record of 45 receptions by Huber in 1967 will be one of Cain's goals.

As a sophomore, after missing most of freshman ball and all of spring practice, Cain had the additional problem of trying to get playing time behind one of the Buffaloes' top clutch players, "big-play" tight end Bob Masten. By the end of that year, he and Masten divided time almost equally. J.V. posted modest statistics of 173 yards and one touchdown.

That one touchdown against Air Force at a time CU was leading only 21-17 in the third quarter brought forth a spontaneous "Elmo Wright" dance which Cain had seen the Houston receiving great do while J.V. was in high school.

"I really wasn't thinking about it," Cain grinned. "I just did it. I was excited. Now that "I've started something, most likely I'll continue it."

As things turned out, Cain didn't get a chance to do it again last season for the simple fact he amazingly didn't have a single touchdown catch among his 34 receptions. But he didn't drop any TD chances. CU stays on the ground in those shortyardage situations near the goal.

But there'll likely be a number of Cain touchdowns this season, says the tight end.

"Our whole team has a far better mental approach this year. Last year there was too much talk about a national championship and that No.1 stuff. We were just kind of floating."

"This year there'll be less talk and more football played. Overall, I think we have a much more mature team."

And he's sure CU will be "raising Cain" with all foes in '73.

COLORADO ROSTER and

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Allen, Larry	OT	6-5	221	Jr	Ontario, Cal
Berg, John	LB	6-1	197	So	Chicago, Ill
Bland, Rich	S	5-11	188	Sr	Porterville, Cal
Blum, Bob	S	5-11	199	So	LaHabra, Cal
Brace, Doug	LB	6-3	214	So	Canon City, Co
Brock, Pete	C	6-4	236	So	Beaverton, Ore
Brown, Charlie	SE	5-8	163	Sr	Colo Springs,Co
Burns, Art	LB	6-0	200	So	Littleton, Co
Byrne, Steve	C	6-3	246	So	Sacramento, Cal
Cain, J.V.	TE	6-4	226	Sr	Houston, Tx
Campbell, Gary	LB	6-1	200	Jr	Honolulu, Ha
Carlson, Doug	SE	6-1	183	So	Calgary, Alberta
Cimmino, Dennis	OG	6-2	222	So	West Haven, Conn
Ciufo, Lennie	DE	6-0	215	Sr	Encino, Cal
Clark, Jeff	OT	6-1	238	Jr	Council Bluffs,Ia
Cleveland, Rick	S	5-10	176	Sr	Arkansas City,Ks
Collier, Ozell	DB	5-10	175	Sr	Marianna, Ark
Coomer, Tom	DB	6-3	180	So	Jefferson Cty, Co
Cooney,Mark	DT	6-4	222	Sr	Denver, Co
Cooper, Henry	DT	6-2	239	Jr	Marianna, Ark
Crutchmer, Clyde	QB	5-11	166	So	Okmulgee, Ok
Dages, Alan	OG	6-1	232	Jr	Westminster, Cal
Darovec, Dave	DT	6-2	234	Sr	Denver, Co
Davis, Charlie	TB	5-11	200	Sr	West Columbia, Tx
Dean, J.B.	SE	6-1	182	Sr	Gothenburg, Neb
Donnell, Bill	DE	6-3	232	Jr	Chicago, Ill
Duenas, Joe	QB	5-7	178	Sr	LaJunta, Co
Duren, Gary	DB	6-2	192	So	Lakewood, Co
Ellwood, Rick	SE	6-3	190	Jr	Downey, Cal
Ferguson, Larry	SE	5-11	178	Jr	Hawthorne, Cal
Fernandez, Charles	OG	6-2	235	So	Honolulu, Ha
Geiser, Jeff	LB	6-1	210	Jr	LaVeta, Co
Geist, Randy	DE	6-1	210	Sr	Greeley, Co
Goodman, Harvey	OG	6-3	243	Jr	Hollywood, Cal
Griffin, Steve	LB	6-0	190	So	Boulder, Co
Haggerty, Steve	SE	5-10	167	Jr	Littleton, Co
Harton, Jim	LB	6-0	209	So	El Campo, Tx
Hilton, Tom	S	6-0	180	So	Galveston, Tx
Horton, Greg	OT	6-4	247	Sr	Redlands, Cal
Hunt, Bobby	LB	6-1	198	Jr	Denver, Co
Johnson, Ken	QB	6-1	210	Sr	Scottsdale, Ar
Johnson, Jinx	LB	6-4	209	So	Tucson, Ar
Johnston, Dave	QB	6-2	185	So	Canon City, Co
Kelleher, Jim	FB	6-1	216	So	Fort Wayne, Ind
Kensinger, Jeff	DB	6-0	188	So	Loveland, Co
Kerin, Mike	DE	6-1	210	So	Colo Springs, Co
Kertel, Ed	DB	5-10	2g8	Jr	San Mateo, Cal
Keyworth, Jon	DB	6-4	224	Sr	Ontario, Cal
Kohlman, Pat	TE	6-1	210	So	San Jose, Cal
Koncar, Mark	OT	6-4	229	So	Murray, Utah
Kormylo, John	OG	6-3	226	So	Thermopolis, Wyo
Kunz, Terry	FB	6-1	201	So	Wheat Ridge, Co
Kurtenbach, Jerry	OG	6-2	218	So	Chatsworth, Ill
Laneheart, Nelson	TB	5-8	166	So	New Orleans, La
Larson, Howard	C	6-4	234	So	LaHabra, Cal
Lima, Fred	KS	5-9	203	Sr	Hollywood, Cal
Logan, David	SE	6-4	218	So	Wheat Ridge, Co
Martinez, Jerry	S	5-9	188	So	Denver, Co
Matthews, Bo	FB	6-2	225	Sr	Huntsville, Ala
Mattingly, Wayne	OT	6-3	258	Jr	Scottsdale, Ari
Mauler, Larry	OT	6-5	216	So	Englewood, Co
Mayfield, Steve	DE	6-5	234	Fr	Gary, Ind
McDonald, William	C	6-2	241	Sr	Houston, Tx
McGuire, Rob	QB	6-3	203	So	Las Vegas, Nev
Metoyer, Mike	LB	6-1	190	So	Gardena, Cal
Moorehead, Emory	WB	6-1	201	So	Evanston, Ill
Morris, Bob	DB	5-11	180	So	Boulder, Co
Nall, Webb	OT	6-3	242	So	Thomaston, Ga
Orvis, David	LB	6-10	198	Sr	Flint, Mi
Paul, Whitney	TE	6-3	211	So	Galveston, Tx
Payton, Doug	OG	6-3	240	Jr	Security, Co
Penrose, Craig	QB	6-3	192	So	Woodland Hills,Ca
Perkins, Horace	TB	5-9	174	So	El Campo, Tx
Perry, Rod	DB	5-8	166	Jr	Fresno, Cal
Phillips, Alvin	LB	5-11	220	So	Security, Co
Roth, Bart	LB	6-0	198	So	Aurora, Co
Salvi, David	QB	5-10	198	So	Salida, Co
Schroeter, Rob	LB	5-11	204	Jr	Sacramento, Cal
Schwab, Jerry	OT	6-4	251	Jr	Arvada, Co
Sens, Mark	DT	6-5	265	Sr	Hemet, Cal
Shoen, Ed	LB	6-1	220	Jr	San Diego, Cal
Simmons, Wayne	DB	5-11	195	Jr	Woodville, Tx
Simpson, Bob	DT	6-4	228	So	Littleton, Co
Stavely, John	LB	5-11	210	Sr	Boulder, Co
Stearns, Rick	LB	6-1	190	Jr	Denver, Co
Stripling, Ron	OG	6-2	230	So	Carlsbad, NM
Taibi, Chuck	TB	6-0	176	So	Pueblo, Co
Trad, Sam	DT	6-3	223	Jr	Redlands, Cal
Tremblay, John	LB	5-11	233	Jr	Santa Barbara,Cal
Turcotte, Jeff	DT	6-4	246	Jr	Ottawa, Ontario
Uteck, Larry	DB	5-11	182	Jr	Willowdale, Ont
Vatt, Dan	DB	5-11	203	So	Greeley, Co
Wallace, Don	DB	6-0	185	Jr	Columbus, Oh
Williams, David	QB	6-1	200	So	Homer, La
Williams, Larry	SE	6-2	182	So	Sweeny, Tx
Young, Steve	OT	6-8	245	So	Ontario, Cal
Zetterberg, Mark	KS	6-0	175	So	Bayport, NY

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

CHARLIE DAVIS
(5-11, 200 Sr)
Nelson Laneheart
(5-8, 166 So)

BO MATTHEWS
(6-2, 225 Sr)
Jim Kelleher
(6-1, 216 So)

Joe Duenas
(5-7, 178 Sr)
KEN JOHNSON
(6-1, 210 Sr)

Emory Moorhead
(6-1, 201 So)
David Logan
(6-4, 218 So)

J. V. CAIN
(6-4, 226 Sr)
Pat Kohlman
(6-1, 210 So)

Wayne Mattingly
(6-3, 258 Jr)
Larry Allen
(6-5, 221 Jr)

Doug Payton
(6-3, 240 Jr)
Ron Stripling
(6-2, 230 So)

WILLIAM McDONALD
(6-2, 241 Sr)
Howard Larson
(6-4, 234 So)

Charles Fernandez
(6-2, 235 So)
John Kormylo
(6-3, 226 So)

GREG HORTON
(6-4, 247 Sr)
Larry Mauler
(6-5, 216 So)

STEVE HAGGERTY
(5-10, 167 Jr)
Rick Ellwood
(6-2, 190 Jr)

RANDY GEIST
(6-1, 210 Sr)
JOHN STAVELY
(5-11, 210 Sr)

Jeff Turcotte
(6-4, 246 Jr)
Bob Simpson
(6-4, 228 So)

David Orvis
(5-10, 198 Sr)
Rob Schroeter
(5-11, 204 Jr)

MARK COONEY
(6-4, 222 Sr)
Mark Sens
(6-5, 265 Sr)

LENNIE CIUFO
(6-0, 215 Sr)
BILL DONNELL
(6-2, 233 Jr)

Jeff Geiser
(6-1, 210 Jr)
Ed Shoen
(6-1, 220 Jr)

RICK STEARNS
(6-1, 190 Jr)
Gary Campbell
(6-1, 200 Jr)

Jeff Kensinger
(6-0, 188 So)
OZELL COLLIER
(5-10, 175 Sr)

Rich Bland
(5-11, 188 Sr)
J. B. Dean
(6-1, 182 Sr)

JON KEYWORTH
(6-4, 224 Sr)
Ed Kertel
(5-10, 198 Jr)

Rod Perry
(5-8, 166 Jr)
Rick Cleveland
(5-10, 176 Sr)

Freshman Harvest

Buffs sign the No. 1 running back and quarterback

By DAN CREEDON *Boulder Camera*

MAYBE IT WAS A "HANGOVER" from the Gator Bowl loss to Auburn, but Colorado did not come out of the starting blocks flying when the 1973 recruiting season opened in February.

Oklahoma, for example, invaded the state and very early signed three players on Colorado's list of two dozen instate prospects, including Doug Simcik, the Northglenn fullback who had scored more touchdowns than any prep back in the state since Billy Symons (Colorado, (1962-63-64) was running wild in the obscure, one-time uranium boom town of Nucla on the state's Western Slope in 1960.

There were other intruders, too. Texas landed Mike Hartinger, a running back from Colorado Springs. And Auburn, of all people, picked off Jeff Kemp, a Denver George Washington tackle.

But the CU staff, aiming at adding 50 recruits, including mid-year juco transfers and freshmen, didn't show signs of panic. "There are still quite a few folks who understand we got beat by a pretty fair football team in the Gator Bowl," said Steve Ortmayer, the Buff assistant who recruits South Texas and other Southeastern areas. "We're getting an excellent reception."

Before the bulk of the recruiting was over, Crowder, Ortmayer and the other Buff assistants had the last laugh. Counting mid-year signees, Colorado had inked 46 players and still was in the running on a couple of others as summer neared.

And included, perhaps, were more qualify backs than ever signed in one year by a Crowder staff.

Any evaluation of Colorado's 1973 recruiting season would have to start with the quarterbacks. The Buffs signed the two quarterbacks on last year's 12-man list of Schoolboy Super Stars selected by "The Big Eight" football magazine — Tom Tesone of Cherry Creek, a 6-2, 190-pounder considered the top college prospect in Colorado, and Ted Cox, a 6-2, 180-pounder from Gretna, Neb., who was accorded the same recognition in his home state.

As a prep senior, Tesone averaged 9.7 yards per rush, certainly a plus factor for any quarterback coming into Colorado's run-oriented attack. He wound up with 1,286 yards and 16 touchdowns on 133 carries. As a passer, Tesone threw for 865 yards and 15 TD's with 68-for-128 accuracy.

"Tesone reflects many of the same attributes as Bobby Anderson," said Crowder of the extremely mobile (4.7 for the 40) Cherry Creek youngster. "Not only does he have great physical tools, but he's also tremendously motivated and intelligent. And, again like Anderson, he could play any number of positions on our football team."

Another quarterback with excellent potential is Polie Poltier, whose 4.6 speed helped him lead Coral Gables, Fla., traditionally one of the country's best prep football schools, to a 9-1 record and earn for him designation as the Miami area's MVP.

When it comes to running backs, Colorado would appear to have everything—blazing speed, size and elusiveness.

The most heralded runner signed by CU was Ray Barrs, a 6-2, 210-pounder from West Mesa High School in Albuquerque, N.M., who ran for 4,274 yards in three prep seasons and was clocked in 9.8 for the 100 on the school's track team in the state meet. Kay Kalton, the CU aide who recruited Barrs, put a high enough priority on the signing of the New Mexico great that he delayed for two weeks in actively seeking the vacant Colorado State U., coaching position he would like to have had in order to get Barrs' name on a Big Eight letter-of-intent. Then CU had to out recruit Crowder's former top assistant, New Mexico coach Rudy Feldman, for Barr's signature on the national letter.

Another running back with out-of-sight credentials is 5-11, 175-pound Melvin Johnson, a South Terrebonne High School speedster from Houma, La., who used 9.3 speed to run for 1,075 yards and 16 touchdowns while earning 4-A all-state honors last fall. In addition to the 9.3, Johnson was also credited with a 9.4 and two 9.5's for the century this spring.

A high school quarterback who ran for over 100 yards a dozen times last fall at Boling, Texas, Billy Waddy also projects as a running back. And he carries this endorsement from McGowan: "He's as good a prospect right now as Charlie (Davis) was coming out of high school." Like Davis, Waddy signed with a Southwest Conference school (Rice) before finally choosing CU.

A sleeper among the running backs might just be John Nelson, a 6-2, 205-pounder who is the latest in a long line of Canadians to sign with Colorado. Nelson, a Winnipeg native, owns 4.5 speed and Dean Brittenham, who co-ordinates much of CU's recruiting, suggests that the Winnipeg native could be as good a prospect with experience as any of the other runners signed by CU.

In addition to Tesone, Cox and Barrs, three other CU signees were prep all-American—Don Hasselbeck, a 6-8, 220-pound tight end from La Salle High School in Cincinnati; Will Byrd, a 6-6, 236-pound defensive tackle from Coral Gables, and Pat Confer, a 6-1, 220-pound linebacker from Colonia, N.J.

Hasselbeck, who played in the Greater Cincinnati League which is considered one of the top prep football leagues in the country, is an intriguing prospect. He's quick enough to have run the 220 in track in high school and agile enough to also be a college basketball prospect (La Salle beat Ohio champion Cincinnati Elder twice this past winter with Hasselbeck on its front-line).

Colorado, which has had at least one hometown Boulder-bred player in its starting lineup every year since 1964 until defensive end-outsidelinebacker John Stavely was shelved by a knee injury last fall, landed Buck Arnold, a 6-4 wide receiver who grabbed 52 passes for 1,032 yards and 10 TD's last fall for Fairview.

Another interior lineman to watch is Tiloi Lolotai, a 6-1, 210-pounder who was the prep player of the year in the Hawaiian Islands last fall.

Thirty-eight of CU's 40 signees for delivery next fall were high school seniors this past year. One of the exceptions was Jim Cedarstrom, a 6-3, 225-pound linebacker who was the MVP on defense last fall for the Quantico Marines team which played a college schedule. "Cedarstrom probably has a better chance of playing in the fall than any other freshman," says one CU defensive coach. "In addition to service ball, he also has a year of college ball behind him (a freshman year at the University of Arizona).

Pass in the Pinch Philosophy, Underscores Osborne's Confidence in Humm

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names in the circles who can't do the things that have to be done for it to work."

Nebraska has the circles filled.

Osborne insists "there is not any position we're awfully concerned with. By that I mean we think we have a player at every position. The attitude of the players was good during spring practice. We got a lot accomplished."

Of course, nobody ever is perfect. Nebraska will be good with the players it finished spring ball with. Good is not the goal. Great is more like it.

In that case, Nebraska could use another wingback, to support Johnny Rodgers' successor Ritch Bahe. It could also use another center, some depth at linebacker and time to mold the defense.

If some freshman—and Osborne says all recruits will have a chance to display varsity stuff at fall camp—doesn't fit in at wingback, two-year wide receiver Frosty Anderson may find himself working both as a split end and a wingback.

"Nobody can take it easy on this team," said the 6-7, 250-pound Dutton, who does not intend to take it easy on opposing quarterbacks. "There is too much competition. The pro scouts tell us they can go to most schools and in one day see enough of the players they think can play. They tell us they have to come here and stay a week."

Despite having almost two platoons of lettermen, there is no way for Nebraska to have the explosiveness of 1972 with the Heisman Trophy winning Rodgers off to the pro ranks.

The strong offensive line, maybe better all-round than the one opening holes for the 1971 national championship team, will hope to be as consistent this fall as it had the home-run punch of last year.

The forward pass is in. That's for sure. Lefty Humm passed for a school record 2,259 yards and 18 touchdown passes in his sophomore year.

Nebraska showed its respect for Humm's ability to complete the quick out pattern last year that the Huskers used the play on fourth down.

They passed on fourth and short yardage during spring practice, too.

This pass-in-a-pinch philosophy brings a frown to the brow of 5-11, 210-pound Michael E. (Tony) Davis, the No. 1 I-back.

He's a bull of a lad who would have been the starting ball carrier a year ago if a knee injury from a handball game hadn't set him up for surgery in late summer. He's dedicated to make up for lost time. He's punished himself to punish an opponent. Davis spent his redshirt year rebuilding the knee.

Another non-letterman is due to start on offense, center Rik Bonness. He's a 6-4, 208-pound 19-year-old.

"I'm like a toothpick in there," he said, pointing to his sizeable friends up and down the line. "I have to gain more weight. I have to do it this summer, probably to 220 or 225 if I'm going to play."

The defense this year officially is headed by Monte Kiffin. Defensive coordinator is his title and pal Warren Powers, secondary coach, more or less have charted the tackling moves in the last years of Devaney.

Kiffin jokes about the timing of his title.

"The very year after we lose people like Glover, Harper, Blahak, Mason and both linebackers is the year I get a title," said Kiffin.

Kiffin has had better lines but this one won't be bad, particularly if John Lee is successful.

Last year, Nebraska had a great line and relatively inexperienced linebackers. Now the linebackers look strong—6-3, 215-pound Tom Ruud and 6-4, 230-pound Bob Nelson—while the line will need time to come together.

The linebackers must shoulder the load. The aggressive juniors act as if they could do the whole thing by themselves.

"The hitting part comes from down within," said assistant Rick Duval, the linebacking coach. "Their enthusiasm for tackling is innate in them. But they pay attention to the details of the position. They're extremely diligent about details. They can be outstanding linebackers.

The Husker secondary is not a tall bunch, not the fastest in the Big Eight, not even the most experienced. But they seem to have worked on the rather complicated zone principles with success at spring practice.

The defensive backs' best move may be Dutton driving up the middle to eat up passers. It is something that 67,000 already have tickets to see.

The sellout lineup also is anxious to see what the Osborne act will be.

Devaney, now just the athletic director, says Osborne will fast make Nebraskans forget his great teams.

A retiring Nebraska high school coach, aware of some changing ideas in the world of sports, suggests:

"As coaches we should all be pulling for Coach Osborne's success. His attitude toward the Fellowship of Christian Athletes may be the shot in the arm that Nebraska and the nation need."

HUMM has a year of experience

Osborne's Viewpoint...

"WE HAD OUR CONCERNS about some positions relieved during spring practice and at the present time there is no position that we are really concerned about. We feel we have good athletes at every position. We had been most concerned about the center spot where we lost Doug Dumler and John Kinsel, leaving us with practically no experience there. But we are pleased with the play of Rik Bonness and Tom Thomas and Rich Duda looked better than we had thought he was. We were a little up in the air about our I-backs, but Tony Davis had a good spring, along with Dave Goeller. And John O'Leary came along well. If Jeff Moran comes back from that knee injury, we'll be strong at I-back and with plenty of depth. And we felt Ralph Powell showed he can give us depth at fullback. Overall, we've got a good offensive line and we've got a good group of receivers. With the added year of experience for our quarterbacks, we'll be sound and well-balanced offensively."

Do you see any offensive weaknesses?

"If we have one failing, it's that we don't have a home run hitter as we did a year ago with Johnny Rodgers and we'll miss Jerry List's speed at tight end. We don't have as great a deep threat. But we should be able to move the ball more consistently. Last year, we were sporadic at times and explosive at times."

Defensively, have you found replacements for Rich Glover, Bill Janssen and Willie Harper?

"You don't find replacements for that caliber of player easily, but we have a few real quality players such as John Dutton and Steve Manstedt in the defensive line and I think our secondary is sound. We lack depth at linebacker. Defensively, we don't appear to be as strong as a year ago."

Because you were primarily involved with the passing game as an assistant coach, some people think you will lean more toward the passing game.

"That's not true. I think we worked harder on our running game in the spring than in any previous spring. I love to throw the ball, but I don't think you can win consistently without a good running game."

Should Nebraska be favored to win the Big Eight?

"I don't think so. We lost 13 starters and 10 of them went high in the pro draft. I don't think any team in the country lost as many quality players as we did. I think Colorado has more starters back than we do and Oklahoma's losses were about the same as ours. I feel Missouri will be greatly improved and Oklahoma State had a sound team last year with a lot of people coming back."

Sophs To Watch

CAST FROM THE JIM
'TOUGH TONY' A wi

By HAL BROWN *Sports Editor, Lincoln Star*

HIS RUNNING STYLE reminds many observers of the way Jim Taylor used to run for the Green Bay Packers. His confidence (it's closer to brashness and borders on cockiness) reminds some of Cassius Clay in his heyday. And before he's through playing football at Nebraska, he's bound to be tagged with the name "Tough Tony."

Tony Davis, one of only two sophomores likely to crack the starting offensive lineup at Nebraska, hurls his 5-11, 212 pound body into opposing lines with total disregard for what happens to it. "There's only one way to play this game," he says,"And that's with everything you've got every minute. "Once you put that uniform on, you've got to give it 100 per cent." Five times in the NU Spring Game on those key third down situations that arise in every game, the Huskers called on Davis and five times he responded witk the needed yardage, also scoring three touchdowns on short plunges into the line. "When I was growing up, I guess I sort of idolized Jim Taylor," Davis recalls. "I guess I like to think of myself as his kind of runner." Davis got a hardship ruling from the Big Eight when he was able to appear briefly in only one game after undergoing surgery on a knee he injured as a freshman and re-injured playing paddleball. "That was a sickening feeling," he says in reference to sitting out the 1972 season. "I thought I was better than the guys, who were playing and I didn't feel that I was contributing anything to the team."

Davis, a native of the small Nebraska town of Tecumseh (population 1,930), says he had in the neighborhood of 150 letters and calls from college recruiters, "but I told most of them I wasn't interested."

Like many a Nebraska youngster, he grew up hoping to some day play for his home-state university.

"When they said they were interested in me, that was about all I needed," he recalls. Davis came to Nebraska so easily that sports information director Don Bryant obtained his signature on the letter-of-intent.

And Davis doesn't try to shield his brashness. When

TONY DAVIS

TAYLOR MOLD,
ner

told the interview was for the Big Eight Magazine, he quickly responded, "Tell 'em that we're gonna have a bitch of a team this year."

Bonness, unlike Davis who is a sophomore via the redshirt route, is a natural sophomore, but like Davis, he's a Nebraska native, coming from Bellevue.

Bonness had to work his way up through the ranks during spring drills to become one of the few true sophomores to gain a No. 1 berth in the spring of his freshman year in the past dozen years of the Nebraska dynasty.

Once he got there, the 6-4, 205-pounder says, "I feel like a toothpick in that line."

His slim body is sandwiched in between guards Dan Anderson at 6-1, 232 on one side and Tom Alward at 6-3, 230 or Bob Wolfe at 6 - 5, 256 on the other and tackles Daryl White at 6-4, 247 on one side and Marvin Crenshaw at 6-6, 235, or Al Austin at 6-5, 220 on the other.

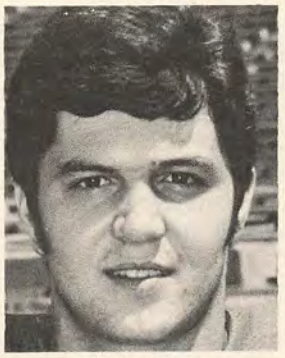
"One thing I know I've got to do before the season starts is do a lot of eating," he points out. "I've gained 15 pounds since coming to school, but I've got to gain more. I figure I've got to get up to 220 or 225 if I'm going to play."

The only other spot on the Husker team this fall likely to have a sophomore as a starter is at defensive left tackle where Ron Pruitt, a 6-3, 234-pound sophomore up from the freshman team from Compton, Calif., and Dean Gissler of Central City, Neb., a 6-7, 248-pound transfer from the Air Force Academy are battling.

DARYL WHITE

JOHN DUTTON

BOB WOLFE



DAVID HUMM

STEVE MANSTEDT

SOUNDING OFF

DARYL WHITE, offensive tackle—"we've got a good chance to win the Big Eight. People that say our defense won't be like last year are wrong. Our defense will be tough. I can tell that from scrimmaging against them. And our offense will be great. It's a real good feeling having all that experience in the line. That's a big change from last year when we played with linemen, who didn't have that much experience. Even our second offensive line has a lot of experience because they got to play in a lot of games last season."

JOHN DUTTON, defensive tackle—"we'll be a better all-around team than last year when we depended so much on two or three guys. I feel confident about all the new players in the defensive line. I've always had a lot of confidence in John Bell as a middle guard. It's easy to tell that we've got experience in the offensive line. They're consistent in what they do and they help each other out better because of that experience."

BOB WOLFE, offensive guard—"it should be a very interesting season for us to see how the new coaches and all the new players we have do. I'm sure everyone is interested in seeing what changes will be made. Actually, we're not going to be doing things much differently than we've done in the past. It's easy to notice the experience we've got in the offensive line, experience that even goes down into our alternate unit."

DAVID HUMM, quarterback—"we've got a lot of great players back and we seem to be working together very well. But we also lost some great players as did other teams in the Big Eight. Having the opportunity to work behind an offensive line that's as good as ours and with as much experience as ours has given a quarterback a lot of confidence. With that kind of experience, you know some of the little extra things that can help and it gives the entire unit confidence."

STEVE MANSTEDT, defensive end— "We've got a lot of new, young players on defense and we've got to get together. We've got to replace people like Rich Glover, Willie Harper and Bill Janssen, but we've got some good young players. I think becoming a member of the Black Shirts give a young player a lot of pride. It means something to become a member of a unit with the tradition the Black Shirts have built."

THE CRASHING

The best defensive tackle of the Devaney Era candidate for a third consecutive Outland Trophy

By WALLY PROVOST
Omaha World-Herald

UNTIL NEBRASKA'S RICH GLOVER followed Larry Jacobson to the throne room of line play deities last year, no school had produced two straight winners of the Outland Trophy.

Now Nebraska wants to go for No. 3.

The candidate, senior defensive tackle John Dutton, is easily seen from a distance. He stands 6-7, hopes to play at about 265 pounds this autumn, is comfortable in a size 18 collar, wears 15 E shoes.

Dutton's most serious handicap may be the lack of a junior season buildup, deemed an important recognition factor in the annual scramble for college football's assorted crown jewels.

Fair question: Just what was this oversized Cornhusker doing in 1972?

Factual answer: He was taking part in 67 tackles, recovering fumbles, frightening quarterbacks, breaking up passes and reading about three senior teammates. These gridiron fraternity brothers— Glover, Willie Harper and Johnny Rodgers—each had received All American acclaim as a junior and repeated in '72.

Nebraska coaches thought the Dutton of 1972 was as good as the Jacobson of 1971. They believe that normal progress this season will be enough to make Dutton Nebraska's best defensive tackle since Bob Devaney and his salvation army opened a new era at Lincoln a dozen years ago.

The Jacobson standard is impressive.

In addition to earning the Outland Trophy, the 1971 All American was a Lombardi Award finalist, the choice of the Washington D.C. Touchdown Club as College Lineman of the Year, a first round draft selection by the New York Giants.

Dutton is heavier and an inch taller; he is more combative by nature than Jacobson.

Both are products of South Dakota high school football. Jacobson's home is Sioux Falls and Dutton comes from Rapid City.

Although underclassmen are a bit timid about employing it, Dutton carries the nickname "Lurch," after the towering butler in the old Addams Family television show.

As a matter of fact, John seldom lurches. The behemoth in jersey No. 90 does crash and stomp and menace with regularity.

"On films, because I take such big strides, I look slow," Dutton believes. "I'm no flash, either, but my best time in the 40 is 4.75 and last year I ran a consistent 4.8."

He lifts weights every day "because I need weight real bad through my chest and shoulders," a shortcoming that is not readily apparent to reporter-sized people.

The 22-year-old Dutton fidgeted self-consciously when the Outland Trophy subject was broached.

"It is kind of fantastic, Nebraska being the first school to have two in a row," he said. "Both guys were deserving—real good athletes. But I think a lot of credit goes to Coach Kiffin (Monte Kiffin, former N.U. tackle who coaches the defensive line).

"He makes you produce, more than any coach I've been associated with."

Dutton observed that the Outland Trophy "helps if you want to play pro ball, and it's something you can tell your kids: supposedly, you were the best lineman in the nation." (To be more precise, the award imprecisely designates the No. 1 interior lineman.)

Next came the kind of declaration that makes coaches glow:

"I'd love to have the Outland Trophy, but I'd rather win another national championship for the whole team."

Dutton added: "I'll be working hard; I always do. If it works out, I won't refuse it. But aren't sports writers likely to say, 'This school has had it two straight years; it ought to be passed around'?"

If the press wants to go shopping, Dutton has a few tips:

"Just in the Big Eight, there's Lucious Selmon (Oklahoma), who really impresses me...strong and quick,..and there's Big Daddy Hunt at Iowa State and Barry Price (Oklahoma State).

"Heck, Nebraska's got a very worthy candidate in (Daryl) White. As an all-around offensive tackle, he's the best I've played against."

John Dutton concluded that "the Outland Trophy winner will come out of the Big Eight."

Considering the Cornhusker staff's high opinion of Dutton, his opinion of opposing linemen is worth having. Name the best.

"Dean Unruh of Oklahoma was awfully good two years ago and again last year," Dutton said. "All around, his firing ability and everything. He'd just take you where you didn't want to go. He could hurt you if he hit you solid. I got up more for him than anybody."

The large Husker referred to a legitimate football hit. Presumably no rival ever has taken a pugilistic swing at him.

"I haven't had any real problem with anybody," Dutton said. "I've never done anything dirty to anybody and nobody has done anything dirty to me. But we did play against teams that did a lot of that late hitting."

Laughingly: "There are a few refs I'd like to hit!"

Dutton revealed that he has "a real quick temper," but was taught to control it by Devaney, "who could really talk to you in your language."

After a moment of contemplation, the athlete volunteered: "The last time I hit anybody was during a scrimmage in the spring of 1972. I didn't hit him hard. Just kind of pushed him."

Dutton is a bachelor whose good looks usually are complemented by a puckish grin, but he does a lot of serious thinking about Oklahoma and the rivalry that has become a national television feature.

His baptism came in the 35-31 duel at Norman two years ago.

"Mostly, you remember the bad things, I guess. On Oklahoma's last touchdown, I could have had him easily but I fell down over a guy. Then we scored again, and I felt a little better. I was real caught up in that game. I

CRANE

will be the premier JOHN DUTTON

didn't know what I was doing half the time."

How could Nebraska blow a 14-0 lead in the 17-14 loss to Oklahoma last year in Lincoln? Devaney teams just didn't let that sort of thing happen.

"I won't blame it on anybody else," Dutton said, "but we (the defense) were on the field an awful lot that day. We held them to 140 yards rushing (compared with O.U.'s average of 383) and we thought that would be good enough for us to win. And I would have thought that if we could hold them to 17 points we could win. We should have won it...

"But it's all a team thing, 50-50. The defense screwed up, too. We lost to a great team, but that's no consolation."

Dutton mentioned that he weighed 248 pounds at the start of last season, then began a daily weightlifting routine after practice and was up to 256 for the Oklahoma game.

He was down to 235 for the Orange Bowl, which hints at the tempo of N.U. preparation for Notre Dame.

On the eve of a football game, Dutton said, "I always get a sleeping tablet or I'll toss and turn all night. You kind of go back over the week...what you worked on all week...and you wonder whether you'll be able to put it all together in one game."

On game day, he still gets "goose bumps and stuff."

"You worry about the kind of game you're going to have," Dutton said. "When you go on the field there's all that screaming and yelling, but pretty soon it's just you and the other team. You lose all consciousness of what else is going on."

Does this sizable monument to the American standard of living consider himself a worrier? Somewhat, he conceded.

"I always get shook up from problems—world problems, national problems. I live in the Black Hills, where there is good hunting and fishing. I just like to get away from things. I like to get out, take some beer along, and fish a little bit."

JOHN DUTTON (90) HURLS his awsome 6-7, 265-pound frame at Sooner quarterback Dave Robertson (15). Oklahoma was forced to double team Dutton most of the afternoon.

Dutton said he will welcome the problem posed by UCLA in the season opener at Lincoln.

"I'm sure there will be a special feeling for this one," he said with an old-fashioned ornery grin. "Pepper Rodgers said Nebraska lost to UCLA last year but that UCLA is going to beat Nebraska this year." A shaking of Dutton's tousled head, then: "I can't stand that guy anyway."

Dutton is confident that the Cornhusker first edition under Coach Tom Osborne is going to be "a real good team."

"We won't have the superstars we had last year, and there'll be a lot of young players. But everybody's real talented, and it'll just be a case of getting used to each other...knowing each other's moves and where your teammate will be in a given situation.

"It'll be the same style of football, mostly basic football. The defense still will be going for those shutouts"—of which there have been seven in big John Dutton's first two seasons.

NEBRASKA ROSTER a

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Adkins, Ken	SE	6-2	177	So	Lincoln, Neb
Alward, Tom	OG	6-3	230	Jr	Flint, Mi
Anderson, Dan	OG	6-1	232	Sr	Fremont, Neb
Anderson, Frosty	SE	6-0	176	Sr	Scottsbluff, Neb
Austin, Al	OT	6-5	219	Sr	Lincoln, Neb
Bahe, Ritch	WB	5-10	182	Jr	Fremont, Neb
Belka, Jim	FB	6-2	180	Jr	Prairie Village,K
Bell, John	MG	6-0	198	Sr	Anaheim, Cal
Benish, Randy	DB	5-11	172	So	Norfolk, Neb
Bonness, Richard	OC	6-4	205	So	Bellevue, Neb
Borg, Randy	DB	5-11	187	Sr	Alliance, Neb
Brock, Dan	DE	6-2	202	So	Columbus, Neb
Burns, Burton	FB	5-10	227	So	New Orleans, La
Burrow, Jim	DB	5-11	165	So	Amory, Miss
Butterfield, Dave	DB	5-9	177	So	Greeley, Co
Coccia, Tom	DE	6-2	196	So	Hillside, NJ
Costanzo, Rich	OT	6-4	247	So	Jersey City, NJ
Crenshaw, Marvin	OT	6-6	235	Jr	Toledo, Oh
Damkroger, Maury	FB	6-2	232	Sr	Lincoln, Neb
Davis, Tony	IB	5-11	212	So	Tecumseh, Neb
Doak, Mark	OT	6-4	254	Jr	Whittier, Cal
Duda, Rich	OC	6-3	226	Jr	Westchester, Ill
Dutton, John	DT	6-7	248	Sr	Rapid City, SD
Eichelberger,Percy	LB	5-11	209	So	Louisville, Miss
Everett, Earl	QB	6-0	189	Fr	Kansas City, Mo
Fischer, Pat	DB	5-8	154	Sr	Lincoln, Neb
Gissler, Dean	DT	6-7	248	So	Central City, Neb
Goeller, Dave	IB	5-11	194	Sr	Pilger, Neb
Hegener, Stan	OG	6-4	236	Jr	Lincoln, Neb
Heiser, Tom	WB	5-10	175	So	Columbus, Neb
Henrichs, Dennis	OT	6-2	215	Jr	Beatrice, Neb
Heydorff, Mark	DB	6-0	186	Jr	La Cresenta, Cal
Hill, Jeff	SE	6-2	189	Jr	La Grange, Ill
Hoins, Steve	OT	6-2	226	So	Bellevue, Neb
Humm, Dave	QB	6-2	191	Jr	Las Vegas, Nev
Iverson, Dave	LB	6-0	219	So	Milwaukee, Wi
Johnson, Ardell	DB	5-11	176	Jr	Chillicothe, Mo
Johnson, Doug	DT	6-4	224	Sr	Omaha, Neb
Jones, Chuck	DB	5-11	173	So	Beatrice, Neb
Kyros, George	DB	5-9	164	Jr	Grand Island, Neb
Lackovic, Tim	SE	6-0	189	Jr	Omaha, Neb
Lee, John	MG	6-4	258	So	Red Bank, NJ
Lemmerond, Rick	QB	6-4	185	So	Green Bay, Wi
Leonardi, Chad	OG	6-0	220	Jr	Cannonsburg, Pa
Lessman, Randy	DE	6-2	203	So	Sioux City,Ia
Lingenfelter, Bob	OT	6-6	278	So	Plainview, Neb
Lloyd, Jerry	MG	6-3	230	So	Omaha, Neb
Longwell, Brent	TE	6-3	218	Sr	Homer, Neb
Luck, Terry	QB	6-3	215	So	Fayetteville, NC
Manstedt, Steve	DE	6-2	202	Sr	Wahoo, Neb
Martin, Bob	DB	6-0	182	So	David City, Neb
Mazon, Frank	DB	5-9	165	So	Anaheim, Cal
Monds, Wonder	DB	6-4	200	Jr	Ft. Pierce, Fla
Moran, Jeff	IB	6-0	198	Jr	Heron, SD
Mushinskie, Larry	TE	6-2	214	So	Temple City, Cal
Nelson, Bob	LB	6-4	233	Jr	Stillwater, Min
Nelson, Chris	TE	6-4	228	So	Albion, Neb
Norrie, Rod	DT	6-3	241	Jr	Geneva, Neb
Offner, Mike	DE	6-1	203	So	Red Cloud, Neb
O'Holleran, Mike	FB	6-0	203	Jr	Sidney, Neb
O'Leary, John	IB	6-0	197	So	Port Wash., NY
Panneton, Rick	TE	6-1	208	Jr	Walnut, Cal
Pate, Tom	DE	6-3	218	Jr	Omaha, Neb
Pavelka, Dennis	OT	6-3	261	Jr	Hastings, Neb
Peterson, Matt	TE	6-5	192	So	Cedar Rapids, Ia
Pillen, Cletus	LB	6-1	185	So	Monroe, Neb
Powell, Ralph	FB	6-0	221	Sr	Detroit, Mich
Pruitt, Ron	DT	6-3	234	So	Compton, Cal
Pumphrey, Jeff	SE	5-11	152	So	Scottsbluff, Neb
Ray, Glen	QB	6-3	201	So	Midland, Tx
Redding, Dave	DE	6-1	206	So	North Platte, Neb
Revelle, Bob	SE	6-2	196	Jr	Gardena, Cal
Rogers, Terry	DB	5-11	196	Jr	Columbus, Neb
Runty, Steve	QB	5-11	196	Sr	Ogallala, Neb
Rutan, Bob	DE	6-1	211	So	Blue Springs, Neb
Rudd, Tom	LB	6-2	216	Jr	Bloomington, Min
Sanger, Rich	K	6-0	214	Sr	Ovid, Co
Schmidt, Dan	OG	6-1	220	So	North Platte, Neb
Schmit, Bob	LB	6-1	203	Sr	Boys Town, Neb
Schneider, Jeff	DB	5-10	186	So	Lincoln, Neb
Seeton, Jim	DB	6-2	189	So	Lakewood, Co
Shamblin, Dave	SE	6-2	187	So	Laverne, Cal
Sledge, Jim	OT	5-11	246	So	Omaha, Neb
Starkebaum, John	DB	6-1	193	Jr	Haxtun, Co
Stuberg, Wayne	OC	6-1	226	So	Omaha, Neb
Talley, Chester	IB	6-0	179	So	Denver, Co
Thomas, Tom	OC	6-0	231	Jr	Culver City, Cal
Thornton, Bob	DB	6-0	173	Sr	Lomita, Cal
Thornton, Willie	MG	6-1	220	So	Amory, Miss
Varner, Rich	OC	6-2	217	So	Wichita, Ks
Wied, Jerry	DT	6-0	222	So	Wausalkee, Wi
Westbrook, Don	WB	5-11	189	Jr	Cheyenne, Wyo
White, Daryl	OT	6-4	247	Sr	East Orange, NJ
Wieser, Steve	DE	5-11	211	Jr	Columbus, Neb
Wolfe, Bob	OG	6-5	256	Sr	Omaha, Neb
Yaralian, Zaven	DB	5-11	176	Sr	Inglewood, Cal
Zanetich, Nick	OG	6-0	215	So	Hoboken, NJ

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Tony Davis
(5-11, 212 So)
Dave Goeller
(5-11, 194 Sr)

Maury Damkroger
(6-2, 232 Sr)
Ralph Powell
(6-0, 222 Sr)

DAVE HUMM
(6-2, 191 Jr)
Steve Runty
(5-11, 196 Sr)

Ritch Bahe
(5-10, 182 Jr)
Don Westbrook
(5-11, 189 Jr)

Brent Longwell
(6-3, 218 So)
Larry Mushinskie
(6-2, 214 So)

Al Austin
(6-5, 219 Sr)
MARVIN CRENSHAW
(6-6, 235 Jr)

DAN ANDERSON
(6-1, 232 Sr)
Stan Hegener
(6-4, 236 Jr)

Rik Bonness
(6-4, 205 So)
Tom Thomas
(6-0, 231 Jr)

Tom Alward
(6-3, 230 Jr)
BOB WOLFE
(6-5, 256 Sr)

DARYL WHITE
(6-4, 247 Sr)
Mark Doak
(6-4, 254 Jr)

Frosty Anderson
(6-0, 176 Sr)
BOB REVELLE
(6-2, 196 Jr)

STEVE MANSTEDT
(6-2, 202 Sr)
Steve Wieser
(5-11, 211 Jr)

Ron Pruitt
(6-3, 234 So)
Dean Gissler
(6-7, 248 So)

John Bell
(6-0, 198 Sr)
Willie Thornton
(6-1, 220 So)

JOHN DUTTON
(6-7, 248 Sr)
Doug Johnson
(6-4, 224 Sr)

Tom Pate
(6-3, 218 Jr)
Bob Martin
(6-0, 182 So)

Bob Nelson
(6-4, 233 Jr)
Bob Schmit
(6-1, 203 Sr)

Tom Rudd
(6-2, 216 Jr)
Percy Eichelberger
(5-11, 209 So)

Terry Rogers
(5-11, 196 Jr)
Wonder Monds
(6-4, 200 So)

Zaven Yaralian
(5-11, 176 Sr)
Chuck Jones
(5-11, 173 So)

RANDY BORG
(5-11, 187 Sr)
Ardell Johnson
(5-11, 176 Jr)

BOB THORNTON
(6-0, 173 Sr)
GEORGE KYROS
(5-9, 164 Jr)

Freshman Harvest

In a conference of super recruiters, the Cornhuskers easily landed the Big Eight's best crop of newcomers.

By VIRGIL PARKER *Sports Editor, Lincoln Journal*

IN FOOTBALL-CRAZY CORNHUSKER COUNTRY, Nebraska coach Bob Devaney received a standing ovation everywhere he went.

And no wonder. His teams lost just two of their last 44 games while winning back-to-back national championships and three Orange Bowl titles in a row.

New NU mentor Tom Osborne, a ten-year Devaney assistant before taking over the top job, hasn't directed the Huskers in a game yet—let alone win one. But, Osborne is already receiving a standing ovation for the recruiting success he enjoyed this winter after stepping into Devaney's shoes.

Osborne and his staff, which includes three new faces, invaded the fertile fields of California, Texas, New Jersey and most points in between, to sign what they hope are 41 future gridiron greats.

"We think we had a very good recruiting year," admits Osborne, who is in a position to make a comparison after spending recent seasons as the recruiting coordinator under Devaney.

"I hate to get too enthusiastic about any certain individual," Osborne warns, "because the kid you felt was in the 'can't miss' category may not live up to his advance billing. On the other hand, the boy you thought borderline may blossom and become real outstanding."

But, even Osborne can't hide his excitement over the increasing success Nebraska has enjoyed in recent years in talent rich California.

"After we lost so badly to Oklahoma a few years ago," he remembers of an 0-47 drubbing to the Sooners in 1968, "we felt we needed some junior college players to strengthen our program. And, California has a lot of good JC teams."

Bob Newton, Bob Terrio, Dick Rupert and Keith Wortman all of whom went on to earn Big Eight honors—were among the early recruits from the Golden West.

Last fall, starting I-back Gary Dixon, first-string split end Bob Revelle and defensive standouts Bill Sloey and Zaven Yaralian were among 14 Californians on the squad.

"But, this was a banner year for us in California," Osborne claims. "All five of the boys we got were heavily recruited by Southern Cal and UCLA."

The biggest of the bunch is 6-6, 265-pound tackle Bob Hayes from Bakersfield, "who is very mobile, quick and aggressive." Another top prize is high school all-American quarterback Randy Garcia, a 6-3, 190-pound Los Angeles product.

Texas has not been a productive recruiting area for Nebraska in the past, but Osborne is especially keen on two prospects from the Lone Start State.

One is prep all-American end Charles "Chucky" Baker, who turned in a :47.5 in his first 440 track effort this spring. A :09.7 sprinter, Baker is 6-3, weighs 190 pounds and churns the 40 in :04.6

"Baker has fine speed and great hands," enthuses new quarterback coach Jerry Moore, who joined Osborne from the SMU staff.

The other Texan is fullback Jason Justice, who also has :04.6 speed. The powerful 6-2, 225-pounder led LaMarque into the state playoffs two of his three years in high school.

NU defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, who recruited Outland and Lombardi trophy winner Rich Glover and returning All American tackle Daryl White in New Jersey, inked what he hopes are three more just like them from the same state this winter.

"The most unusual thing is that they all played for the same school," Kiffin points out. Stan Waldemore (6-3, 235), ("As a defensive tackle he's probably the 'Blue Chipper' of the trio"), Arty Selmer (6-2, 215) and John Minetti (6-2,220), though from three different neighboring towns, all played for Essex Catholic High School.

Kiffin grabbed another prize for the Cornhuskers in Philadelphia when he recruited Bobby Thomas, a carbon copy of Johnny Rodgers (5-8 1/2, 160).

Thomas scored 54 touchdowns in three seasons as a receiver-kick returner. He caught 91 passes last season, 90 the year before and broke the national prep record set by USC's John McKay, Jr.

"We think all the kids we signed have great potential," Osborne says. "And, we had a better than usual crop in Nebraska. You'll be hearing about them too," he said of the 18 players (among the 41 recruited) from the home state.

Nebraska fans aren't giving Tom Osborne a standing ovation out of habit. They think he's already earned one.

Once Again the Offensive Line Holds the Key at Kansas

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something like 20 touchdown passes. It's a tough position for an inexperienced football player. But this year we've got experience and depth we haven't had in the past."

The four-deep secondary candidates include veterans Denny Lantz ("Ability-wise he's one of our top athletes"), Rocky Bron, Rick Mudge and Kurt Knoff. Mudge was slowed by injuries in the spring and Knoff played baseball. Tkeir absences gave opportunities to James Bowman, who was hurt most of 1972, little used Galen Schmitz and redshirts Jim David and Steve Rus.

"It's obvious to us we're stronger back there," said Fambrough. "We had the same quarterback and the same receivers working against the secondary this spring."

Coordinating the defense is Jim Dickey, who arrived after spring practice was underway from Oklahoma, where he coached the secondary. "It's hard to evaluate this school with that one," said Dickey about comparing talent. "But I'm real encouraged by the attitude. They put in a lot of effort this spring. That's a big part of having a good team—wanting to."

Even offensive coordinator Charlie McCullers is quick to plug the defense. "I look for our offense to be better, if for no other reason that the defense is better," he said. "It makes a difference where you get the ball. I'm an offensive coach, but the great teams have great defenses. I believe our first defensive team can line up and play with anybody. The biggest thing is the mental attitude of the players. This team believes in itself. There's no doubt about it. We're going to have a good team this year."

The offense starts with Jaynes, who led the Eig Eight in passing with 153 of 287 for 2,253 yards and 15 touchdowns —despite missing parts of two games with a left-shoulder separation. He holds every school passing record. KU obviously hopes to have the kind of team that will help him attract All-American mention and Heisman votes.

The 6-2, 212-pounder has run the 40 as low as 4.9, so just might use his legs more this season. "David's going to be more of a threat running," promised McCullers. "In a couple of spring scrimmages, he was our leading ground gainer. He is quicker and that's his goal this summer—to improve his quickness more. He wants to be a complete football player and he knows to do so he'll have to do some running."

Jaynes' favorite target, the one he'll go to in key situations, is Bruce Adams, the Lance Alworth type who caught 39 passes for 704 yards and 8 touchdowns as a sophomore.

Jaynes also will have speedster Emmett Edwards, surehanded Ken Saathoff and sophomore Paul Bower as split receivers. Sophomores Gregg Hosack and Jerry Gilmore loom as the tight ends. John Schroll will be missed there.

How good the running attack will be probably hinges on how healthy Williams (6-2, 194, 4.5) stays. He hasn't been able to do so the past two seasons. "He'll stack up with anybody in the league—if he's healthy," said Fambrough, "but that's a big if."

Kansas also returns fullback Robert Miller, who averaged 5.3 yards per carry and blocked well as a sophomore. He was idle in the spring because of an ankle operation to remove a calcium deposit.

Fambrough isn't concerned about the kicking game. Marc Harris returns for his third season as punter and sophomore Bob Swift will handle kickoffs, extra points and field goals. "Harris may not have the best average, but that's another position where you need experience," he said. "I know he can pick it off the ground or jump up in the air and still get it off.

What does that leave? Oh, yes, the offensive line. It's the one area the Jayhawks may have a real problem. Center Mike McDaniel and tackle John Bryant are the only returning starters from a front seven that usually kept Jaynes' uniform clean.

"It's our major concern after spring practice," Fambrough said. "Right now, we're not as good there as last year. We've got to make some improvement to be a good football team. I feel we have ability there, the type of people who will improve." Among the players who are being counted on to come through are guards Jerone Hodges, Mike Englebrake and John Morgan amd tackle Gordon Stockemer, plus the two rookie tight ends.

To sum it up, Fambrough feels he might have a bowl team (Kansas is finally off probation) and one that could make waves in the Big Eight title race.

"A bowl is certainly one of our goals," he said. "Our goals are high. I'd say we're going to be a much better football team, but so many things can happen. If you get two or three people hurt (KU had six knee operations in the spring), the complexion can change. You've got to be lucky injury-wise. I don't care if you're Oklahoma or Nebraska or Colorado, you've got to be lucky."

Fambrough is planning on being lucky affer 1972's 5-6 season, where two of losses were one-pointers. "I think we've got a little coming," he said with a grin. "The weather is so important in the type of offense we use. Last year I think we had three decent days—for Minnesota, Oklahoma State and Florida State.

"I'm looking forward to a lot of good things happening... the sun shining, no injuries and us having a good year."

A HEALTHY DELVIN WILLIAMS at last !

Fambrough's Viewpoint ...

KANSAS' NO. 1 STRENGTH may well be neutralized by its most glaring weakness. That's the fear of veteran Don Fambrough as he heads into his third season as head coach of the Jayhawks.

The things the Jayhawks do best are throw and catch the football. But an inexperienced offensive line ferments doubt in the Kansas camp that slingshot quarterback David Jaynes will be permitted to do his thing in 1973.

Jaynes, owner of 15 KU school offense records, will be operating behind virtually an all new front. Fambrough admittedly is concerned. He says inexperience in the offensive line is the biggest question mark at Kansas.

"An offensive lineman has to have poise, technique and be a thinker," Fambrough says. "It takes time, an awful lot of time to develop an offensive line. Every passer needs time to do his job. Our main concern in the early games will be development of the offensive line in its protection of Jaynes."

Elsewhere, Fambrough can spot improvements over a year ago when the Jayhawks were 2-5 in the Big Eight Conference and 4-7 for the distance. The defense will be better because it has to be, he acknowledges. Last year, Kansas yielded 305 points and more than 4,000 yards in total offense. Most of the defenders return, nourishing hope that the Jayhawks will be a little stingier in 1973.

All phases of the kicking game are potentially sound. The running game must improve, allows the coach, and again the offensive line holds the key to this category because the Jayhawks have a pair of steppers in Delvin Williams and Robert Miller.

The ground game will be stronger, Fambrough says, but make no mistake about his travel plans. He likes to go by air. "We're going to throw it. You better believe that," the coach said. "Passing is a phase of our game that is proven. We have people who have the ability to throw the ball and we have the people with the ability to catch it."

Veterans abound in the defensive front, at linebacker and in the secondary. A noseguard will be implemented into the alignment this season. "We feel real good about this position," said Fambrough, which is probably the basis for the conversion to a Nebraska-style defense.

"We need a lot of luck in order to succeed," Fambrough added. "And by luck I mean mostly to go injury free. We know what we are going into the season with. We don't know what we'll come out with. When we line up for that first game and get hit, it won't come as a shock to our players because most of them battled for a position in the spring game and they had to hit to win the job."

Sophs To Watch

TOP JUCO BACK, LINEMAN MAY HELP JAYHAWKS' RETURN AS A CHALLENGER

By JACK LINDBERG *Kansas City Star*

KANSAS WILL FIELD one of the more experienced teams in the Big Eight Conference in 1973, but if the Jayhawks are to improve their 2-5, seventh-place finish of a year ago, some depth must bobble to the surface in the early going.

Coach Don Fambrough will lean heavily on two of the nation's outstanding junior college players last season and some talented sophomores to help create that depth.

Some Big Eight observers believe the Jayhawks outdid everyone in their first two juco selections. They landed a 6-5, 270-pound defensive lineman named Cliff Frazier who was voted the outstanding lineman in the nation by the National Junior College Athletic Association while playing at Fort Scott, Kan., last season. Then they picked up a 190-pound running back from Fairbury, Neb., named Randy Ross who was the star of KU's spring game.

Frazier, transferring to KU after only one season at Fort Scott, was voted the outstanding defensive player in Fort Scott's loss to Arizona Western in the national juco championship game. There will be an immediate need for his services in the Jayhawks' defensive front, which didn't fare so well in 1972 when Kansas won only four of 11 starts in Fambrough's second year at the helm after serving many years as the top assistant coach. Frazier was a Missouri prep standout at Lafayette High School in St. Louis.

Ross was recruited for his outstanding defensive play in Fairbury's secondary, but proved to the KU staff this spring that he deserves a shot at running back. He scored three touchdowns and gained 70 yards in 25 carries during the Hawks' 34-14 spring game.

Frazier and Ross complement a troupe of promising sophomores, headed by defensive halfback Kurt Knoff, tight ends Gregg Hosack and Jerry Gilmore, and John Scanlon, a 6-1, 195-pound sophomore who's bidding for the noseguard job in KU's revamped defensive alignment that calls for a five-man front.

Knoff's ability prompts no question mark. He played brilliantly down the stretch for the Jayhawks last season as a 6-3, 190-pound rookie from Minnesota, where he was named that state's Athlete-of-the-Year as a high school senior.

KURT KNOFF

However, an off-season knee operation clouds his physical availability. He did not participate in spring drills. Instead, he played baseball for Kansas this spring in an effort to strengthen the knee.

Knoff took part in 37 tackles, intercepted three passes and batted away five others last season. He started the last four games. Knoff admitted the knee "hurt a bit" during the spring. But after baseball season, he started a series of weightlifting exercises. He feels he'll have to win his job all over again in August, but believes this will contribute to solving the depth problem. "KU's defensive game was strong in the spring," he analyzed.

Hosack, 6-4 and 222, was red-shirted last season. As a fullback and linebacker, he led Cass Midway into three straight championship game appearances in Missouri. Fambrough says Hosack will follow in the tradition of John Schroll and John Mosier, two great KU tight ends of recent years.

Gilmore, listed in the spring as a defensive end, will be given a thorough look at tight end. He's 6-2 and 190 and played prep football at Arkansas City.

Fambrough thinks Scanlon, a Lawrence product, and nonlettered senior Mike Lemon, 6-4 and 205 from Sioux Falls, Iowa, are leading candidates at noseguard. "Both have quickness and determination," Fambrough says. "I feel real good about having either one of them in there. I think they are players we can count on."

Apparently, he plans to go with rookies at both tight end and nose guard. In fact, he pin-pointed that opinion when he said sophomores must deliver at those positions if Kansas is going to have a winning record in 1973.

The presence of Lemon gives Fambrough confidence in the nose guard position. "Lemon is quick and he plays with determination. This is what the position needs. Rich Glover of Nebraska set the pattern of what you should look for in a nose guard. Lemon plays with no 'give-up' in him," Fambrough said.

But, like other KU newcomers, he hasn't been tested in the Big Eight.

DENNY LANTZ

MIKE McDANIEL

DON GOODE

DAVE JAYNES

BRUCE ADAMS

SOUNDING OFF

DENNY LANTZ, defensive halfback—"We had the best spring since I've been here. I think everybody feels that Kansas has something to prove—that we can play successfully in the Big Eight. Coach Fambrough has gotten together some key personnel in the key positions. I think we've got the best chance since the '68 team of going to a bowl."

DELVIN WILLIAMS, running back—"We had a hell of a spring. We've gotten together a fine defense with some good linemen. They're bigger, quicker and stronger than last year. On offense I think we're going to have an excellent line. The team has a great attitude. Everyone knows what everyone else can do. We've talked with ourselves and now we're complimenting each other rather than worrying about our individual performances. We're playing together."

MIKE McDANIEL, center—"There's a whole new attitude on this team - a winning attitude, which is a great change from last year. I think it is because we've got some veterans back who've played together and know what everyone is capable of. Gale Sayers (assistant to the athletic director) is an inspirational person. I think we're as good or better than anyone in the Big Eight."

DON GOODE, defensive end—"We're going to have a nice one (team). We've got better personnel on defense and our people are more familiar with each other's style of play."

DAVE JAYNES, quarterback—"I think the team is going to be in excellent shape. We've got a better attitude and more depth offensively and defensively. I'm going to be doing more running when I have to. I don't like it, but I think it'll keep the defenses more honest."

KURT KNOFF, defensive back—"I'm really looking forward to it (season). There's plenty of depth, especially at defensive back." (Knoff missed spring training because of a knee injury, but played baseball. He started the last four games in 1972 as a freshman). "Now I think that I've got to win my starting position all over and I think that's good for the team."

BRUCE ADAMS, flanker—"I've worked hard to keep my job. Football is fun, but you've got to go out and do the job. I think we want to show that we can compete in the Big Eight. We've talked about winning and now we want to go out and do it."

BRUCE

BRUCE ADAMS (25) demonstrates his aerial acrobatics against Iowa State.

BELIEVERS IN REINCARNATION might see some of Tom Sawyer or a little of Huck Finn. They might even see a bit of Penrod or even, perhaps, Peck's Bad Boy.

But he is none of the above, or he may be part of all. He's Bruce Adams, who in a single season as a pass catcher for the University of Kansas is already in the school's record book. With two more seasons to play, Adams could approach or eclipse most or all of the Big Eight Conference pass receiving standards.

Adams is a 20-year-old bundle of energy and excess nerves. When he sits he squirms, slouches, tugs at his University of Florida Gator cap, twists, smoothes, pulls and tugs at his blond mustache, and crosses and uncrosses his feet and legs almost by the second.

Only on the football field of honor does he show complete composure as being one of the premier flankers in college football.

Adams, almost 6-feet-1 and 180 pounds, in his sophomore year at KU caught 39 passes (one short of the school's single season record set by John Schroll in 1972) for 704 yards (a single season KU record set previously by George McGowan in 1968). He scored a total of eight touchdowns which is another KU record.

These records are even more impressive when compared to sophomore statistics recorded by last years Heisman Trophy winner. In his first year of Big Eight competition, Johnny Rodgers caught the same 39 passes for only 6 more yards than Adams . . . AND in one more game!

Adams had his super season in 10 games. A twisted right knee, suffered in the Colorado game in Boulder, prevented him from playing against Oklahoma the following week. A good case could be made that Bruce had only nine games in which to catch passes because Dave Jaynes, the record setting quarterback at Kansas, missed the entire Nebraska game because of a severe right shoulder bruise. Bob Bruegging was hurriedly pressed into service and did little passing. Adams himself even got to run a couple of series of downs against the Cornhuskers in the second half.

The Adams story has been told often but it bears repeating. Kansas recruited the Bishop Miege star as a quarterback and that's the position he played as a freshman.

"I had been a quarterback since the fifth grade," Adams said. "I'd always dreamed about it. I still dream about it, but that's all I can do now — dream."

Then after squirming a bit Bruce tells of more recent fantasies he has been having. "Sometimes, now, I see myself catching the winning pass in a big game. I think it is a bowl game. And I throw it into the stands—even if it's a 15-yard penalty. I used to see myself throwing the winning pass."

With his mind shifting and moving as fast as his reflexes Adams shoots out: "I still to this day don't know why I came here (Kansas).

Then he went on to explain that he was entirely happy and content with the school, his coaches and football, but that he liked other schools too.

"I always wanted to play for Coach Devine," Adams said of Dan Devine who coached at the University of Missouri but departed to go to Green Bay of the N.F.L.

"And then I like Coach Gibson and Coach Powell real well, too," Bruce said of Vince Gibson at Kansas State and of his then No.1 assistant, Don Powell. The story goes that Adams and Powell became close friends and that tears swelled both of their eyes when Adams told Powell of his decision to attend Kansas.

But the choice was made. It's one case where Missouri and Kansas State are clear cut losers.

Of working with Jaynes and the KU passing game Bruce said: "Dave throws the ball direct and hard, but it's easy to catch. He throws the lob pass sometimes when he calls the streak, you know, the bomb.

"But usually we run curls and outs and the ball has to be there. We (the receivers) know the proper depth of the pattern and then when we cut or curl the ball has to be there—we expect it to be there. Dave is great at getting the

ADAMS... Flanker

This unlikely blend of Tom Sawyer, Penrod and Peck's Bad Boy has already set pass receiving marks remarkably similar to those of last years Heisman Trophy winner . . . and in fewer games.

By JACK LINDBERG *The Kansas City Star*

ball there. And if we get our man beat on a streak he'll put the ball on a line and get it to you."

Then Adams talked like a coach and said that KU also needed a good running game to make the passing more effective. "Passing can only take a team so far," he said. "We worked lots in the spring on the running game."

Adams then told simply why Jaynes is the KU quarterback and why he is a star flanker. "Dave is a better quarterback than I. I might sprint out better, but he's better over all and he is a great passer. But you must remember that I'm here for Dave and he is here for me."

Adams gave much credit to his change over from quarterback to flanker to Ted Plumb, the Kansas receiver coach.

"He explained to me the great need for total concentration and how to watch the ball all the way in while catching it before ever starting to run with it."

Coach Plumb, in a good mood, replied: "Bruce made a good coach out of me. I think what I mostly did was make him aware of defensive coverage and to work with him in drills — drills of repetition in catching the ball."

"I would say, however, that as a sophomore he adapted to defenses as well as any kid I've ever been around. He adjusted as fast as any sophomore I've ever seen," Plumb said.

"Bruce enjoys playing so much that he radiates excitement to his teammates. He has great enthusiasm for the game," Plumb added.

Head Coach Don Fambrough of Kansas said of Adams and his reason for recruiting the Westwood, Kansas resident: "Passing was the weakest part of our game at the time," the coach said. "People told us we were crazy for recruiting him. They said: "He'll never play quarterback for you." We never intended for him to play quarterback. But what an athlete!"

What does Bruce think of his one-year varsity success? What about the records?

"The records are O.K." Bruce said. "I'm pleased that I accomplished something. Records are sort of like flattery. But they're not important; not important at all."

"Life is important. I like living, having a good time and having friends. That's important.

"And there's another little thing you might like to know," Adams continued. "That Nebraska game last year. The one I played quarterback. Well, I got a real charge out of it. I really liked going into the huddle and calling the plays and being in charge."

Bruce, who ran several plays, was charged with going 0-for-1 in the passing department. "Well, I completed one pass that day but a penality called it back, and on the incompletion I put the ball right there and the guy dropped it."

Bruce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams. His father is manager of sales research for the Pittsburg and Midway Coal Mining Co. The elder Adams attended Missouri and Kansas State College at Pittsburg. He participated in track and basketball.

"My father was a good athlete," Bruce said. "He set track records at M.U. He set a high jump record."

"I've tried to put my life like he has put his. He knows a lot about everything. He is a very quiet person. He seldom says anything just to be talking."

As for his junior year Adams said he'd like to try playing at a little heavier weight. It was listed at 177 last year. He said he'll try 185 or even 190 pounds. He said he'd lose the poundage if it slowed him up.

He also has thought about professional football. "If they knock, I'll open the door," he said.

But he doesn't have time now for that.

"Right now I'm thinking about competing in the Big Eight again," he said. "I like to compete with the best. In the Big Eight you are with the best. I had made up my mind that wherever I went to school I'd play as a sophomore. I did that. Now my next goal is to play for a winner and that's our thinking and goal for this season."

It was time to dismiss Bruce Adams. His squirming, twists and tugs were becoming contagious.

Maybe he is Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn, Penrod and Peck's Bad Boy all rolled into one.

KANSAS ROSTER and

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Adams, Bruce	FL	6-1	177	Jr	Westwood, Ks
Adams, Terry	C	6-3	225	Sr	Hoxie, Ks
Anderson, Dick	QB	6-3	190	So	Holdrege, Ne
Baird, Dean	LB	6-1	204	Jr	Hoisington, Ks
Baker, Jim	LB	6-1	206	So	Pittsburg, Ks
Begay, Leslie	LB	6-1	201	So	Arkansas City, Ks
Beggs, Gregg	OG	6-1	218	Jr	Prairie Vill., Ks
Birmingham, Sean	FB	5-11	187	So	KC Winnetonka
Blair, Jeff	TW	6-1	176	So	East Lansing, Mi
Bower, Paul	RB	5-11	158	So	Shawnee, Ks
Bowman, James	DB	6-0	178	Sr	KC Central
Boydston, Ace	DE	6-3	219	So	Riverside, Il
Bron, Rocky	DB	5-10	183	Sr	KC Ruskin
Bruegging, Bob	QB	6-3	215	Sr	KC Southwest
Bruenger, Vern	RB	6-1	180	So	Humboldt, Ks
Bryant, John	OT	6-5	222	Sr	Arkansas City, Ks
Burrows, Danny	DT	6-2	230	Jr	Center, Tx
Carpenter, Kent	TE	6-2	215	Jr	Neodesha, Ks
Clemente, Mike	C	6-1	212	Jr	Arkansas City, Ks
Craven, Marc	OG	6-1	228	So	Shawnee Mission,
Clarke, Bruce	RB	5-8	150	Sr	Colo Springs, Co
Colgrave, Russell	SE	6-1	163	Jr	St. Louis, Mo
Durand, Berry	DB	5-9	153	So	Kansas City, Ks
David, Jim	S	6-1	176	So	Hawthorne, NJ
Dillon, Fedro	QT	6-3	249	Jr	New Orleans, La
Dorian, Mark	DB	6-1	154	So	Wichita, Ks
Edwards, Emmett	FL	6-1	178	Jr	KC Central
Elliott, Steve	FB	6-2	194	So	KC Oak Park
Englebrake, Mike	OG	6-1	218	Jr	Lee's Summitt, Mo
Fox, Anthony	OG	6-4	215	Jr	Mesquite, Tx
Fritz, Larry	OG	6-3	206	So	Shawnee, Ks
Gale, Rob	FL	5-8	160	Jr	Syracuse, Ks
Gardner, Mike	LB	6-1	215	Sr	St. Joseph, Mo
Gilmore, Jerry	DE	6-2	190	So	Arkansas City, Ks
Glanton, Derrick	DE	6-8	220	So	E. St. Louis, Mo
Goode, Don	DE	6-2	224	Sr	Houston, Tx
Haber, Tom	DT	6-2	230	Jr	Houston, Tx
Hammond, Roger	OG	6-1	214	So	Lee's Summit, Mo
Hanson, Terry	DB	5-11	181	So	El Dorado, Ks
Harris, Marc	P	6-2	170	Sr	Lawrence, Ks
Henderson, Pat	LB	6-2	206	Jr	KC Northeast
Henry, Bob	TE	6-4	207	So	Shawnee Mission
Hentges, David	QT	6-4	204	So	St. Joseph, Mo
Hodges, Jerone	OG	6-3	240	Sr	Washington DC
Hosack, Greg	TE	6-4	222	So	KC Oak Park
Hudson, Craig	DE	6-4	204	So	Florissant, Mo
Jaynes, David	QB	6-2	212	Sr	Bonner Springs,
Jones, Steve	LB	6-1	204	So	Englewood, NJ
Knoff, Kurt	DB	6-3	190	So	E. Grand Frks Mn
Kovatch, Rick	LB	6-1	208	So	Cleveland Hts, Oh
Lantz, Denny	DB	6-1	185	Jr	Atlantic, Ia
Learned, Johnny	FL	6-1	173	So	Okla. City, Ok
Lemon, Mike	LB	6-4	205	Jr	Sioux City, Ia
Lewis, Eddie	FL	6-0	171	So	Mobile, Al
Martin, Bob	FL	6-3	192	Sr	Ulysses, Ks
Masters, Charlie	QT	6-4	278	So	Burlingame, Ks
McCaskill, Robert	FB	5-8	186	So	Valdosta, Ga
McDaniel, Mike	C	6-2	215	Sr	KC Oak Park
McMichael, Scott	QB	6-3	187	So	Shawnee Mission
Mellon, Jon	LB	5-11	176	So	Fredonia, Ks
Mercer, Chris	LB	6-1	217	Sr	Shawnee Mission
Mester, Cecil	RB	5-10	185	So	Aurora, Oh
Michaels, Jim	DB	6-3	184	So	Caldwell, NJ
Miller, Robert	RB	6-1	209	Jr	Houston, Tx
Mitchell, Jud	QT	6-2	181	So	Wellington, Ks
Morgan, John	C	6-0	221	So	Wauwatosa, Ws
Morgan, Todd	RB	5-9	161	So	Shawnee Mission
Moulder, Norm	DE	6-3	216	So	Blue Springs, Mo
Mudge, Rick	S	6-2	193	Jr	Topeka, Ks
Newell, Paul	C	6-2	230	So	Kansas City, Mo
Nolin, Mike	OT	6-2	240	Jr	New Rochelle, NY
Norris, Bob	OG	6-2	250	Jr	Junction City Ks
Nowak, Bob	DE	6-1	210	So	Shawnee Mission
Peterson, Gordon	LB	6-2	181	So	Wichita, Ks
Reinert, Don	DT	6-2	233	So	New Lenox, Ill
Riggins, Billy	RB	5-11	196	Jr	Centralia, Ks
Robinson, Randy	LB	6-3	210	Jr	Kansas City, Mo
Rome, Mike	DB	5-11	178	Jr	Shawnee Mission
Ross, Randy	DB	6-1	190	Jr	Omaha, Neb
Rus, Steve	DE	6-2	197	So	Riverside, Ill
Saathoff, Kenny	FL	6-3	192	Jr	Marysville, Ks
Scanlan, John	LB	6-1	193	So	Lawrence, Ks
Schmitz, Galen	LB	6-2	192	Sr	Salina, Ks
Schmitz, Leonard	DT	6-4	218	So	Salina, Ks
Scott, Dave	DT	6-5	284	So	Patterson, NJ
Shoemaker, Brad	OT	6-2	228	So	Big Rapids, Mi
Skepnek, Bill	DT	6-2	226	Sr	Olympia Fields Il
Spear, Bob	DB	6-1	185	Jr	Arkansas City, Ks
Stallbaumer, Roger	OT	5-11	223	Jr	Wellington, Ks
Stockemer, Gordon	OG	6-4	230	Jr	Andale, Ks
Sutton, Mitch	DT	6-4	255	Sr	Stone Mountain,
Swift, Bob	K	6-2	185	So	Shawnee Mission
Taylor, Steve	DB	6-3	210	So	Ft. Worth, Tx
Towle, Steve	LB	6-3	228	Jr	Shawnee Mission
Tucker, Tommy	S	6-2	181	So	Johnson, Ks
Turner, Jeff	DE	6-4	227	Jr	Pritchard, Ala
Van Saun, Paul	DT	6-3	215	Jr	Hawthorne, NJ
Voyt, Phillip	C	6-0	194	So	Atchison, Ks
Weger, John	OG	6-4	230	So	Shawnee Mission
Weidner, Odell	DE	6-0	210	Jr	Topeka, Ks
Westergren, Mike	S	6-0	173	So	Chesterton, Ind
Williams, Delvin	RB	6-2	194	Sr	Houston, Tx
Willoughby, Mark	FL	6-3	174	So	Shawnee Mission
Winter, Wint	C	6-1	215	Jr	Ottawa, Ks
Zook, Dean	DE	6-2	190	Jr	Larned, Ks

DEPTH CHART

DELVIN WILLIAMS
(6-2, 194 Sr)
Randy Roes
(6-1, 190 Jr)

ROBERT MILLER
(6-1, 209 Jr)
STEVE ELLIOTT
(6-2, 192 So)

DAVE JAYNES
(6-2, 212 Sr)
SCOTT McMICHAEL
(6-4, 187 So)

BRUCE ADAMS
(6-1, 177 Jr)
PAUL BOWER
(5-11, 158 So)

GREGG HOSACK
(6-4, 222 So)
JERRY GILMORE
(6-2, 190 So)

John Bryant
(6-5, 225 Sr)
LEONARD SCHMITZ
(6-4, 218 So)

Mike Englobrake
(6-1, 218 Jr)
JOHN MORGAN
(6-0, 221 So)

MIKE McDANIEL
(6-2, 215 Sr)
Wint Winter
(6-1, 215 Jr)

JERONE HODGES
(6-3, 240 Sr)
Danny Burrows
(6-2, 230 Fr)

GORDON STOCKEMER
(6-4, 230 Jr)
DAVE SCOTT
(6-5, 285 So)

EMMETT EDWARDS
(6-1, 178 Jr)
Ken Saathoff
(6-3, 192 Jr)

Jeff Turner
(6-4, 227 Jr)
Dean Zook
(6-2, 190 Jr)

Bill Skepnek
(6-3, 226 Sr)
Fedro Dillon
(6-3, 249 Jr)

Mike Lemon
(6-4, 205 Jr)
JOHN SCANLAN
(6-1, 193 So)

MITCH SUTTON
(6-4, 255 Sr)
MARC CRAVEN
(6-1, 228 So)

DON GOODE
(6-2, 224 Sr)
DERICK GLANTON
(6-8, 220 So)

DEAN BAIRD
(6-1, 204 Jr)
Odell Weidner
(6-0, 210 Jr)
Randy Robinson
(6-3, 210 Jr)

STEVE TOWLE
(6-3, 228 Jr)
Mike Garner
(6-1, 215 Sr)

DENNY LANTZ
(6-1, 185 Jr)
Galen Schmitz
(6-2, 192 Sr)

ROCKY BRON
(5-10, 183 Sr)
STEVE RUS
(6-2, 197 So)

JIM DAVID
(6-1, 176 So)
KURT KNOFF
(6-3, 190 So)

James Bowman
(6-0, 178 Sr)
TERRY HANSON
(5-11, 181 So)

Freshman Harvest

Blue Cihip Backs Abound to Bolster Varsity's Injury Plagued Runners.

By DOYLE MAY *Oklahoma City*

THE KANSAS COACHING STAFF feels secure enough about its 1973 freshman footballers that, for the first time ever, recruits are asked to report to late summer drills with the varsity.

"We have some freshmen capable of playing varsity football," beamed assistant coach Dick Foster, the former Fort Scott (Kan.) Junior College coach who rates the 1973 harvest as the best recruiting year in the Don Fambrough regime.

"For the first time since I've been here, we came up with some outstanding running backs, and that's what the varsity needs. We feel we recruited five running backs of exceptional . ability," Foster said.

For the first time in many years, Kansas used all its allotted scholarships, handing out grants to 37 young men this spring, including 21 linemen and 16 backs. "We wanted some other players but we didn't have scholarships for them," Foster added.

"We thought we had recruited well the past two years, and since this is the third year of coach Fambrough's program, we think things are going to start paying off this season. We feel that we can compete with anyone."

Foster said the staff didn't go after any specific type of player. "We wanted the best. Naturally, we wanted some good running backs, and we got them. We're encouraged from the standpoint that we don't have a single lineman on the freshman squad under 6''2. But we didn't go out to recruit tall linemen. We think we've got by far the best kids we've ever had."

Because the varsity is lean on running backs, Foster says a couple of recruits may see Big Eight action this fall.

They are Clif Doran, a 6-2, 195-pounder from Kansas City (Mo.) North, and Calvin Prince, a 5-10, 195-pounder from Americus, Ga. Both have been clocked at 4.6 over 40 yards, and both have impeachable credentials.

Other prize catches include a prep all-American from St. Joseph, Mo., named Scott McCamy, and a 6-6, 240-pound defensive end from Washington, D.C., Coolidge named Michael Butler, who was named the capitol's Player-of-the-Year by the Washington Touchdown Club.

"Doran was heavily recruited by everyone in the Big Eight. He rushed for more than 1,500 yards in a tough league last season. He was considered the best back in the Midwest by most major colleges," Foster said.

"Another young man capable of playing varsity football as a freshman is Calvin Prince. We're short on running backs. That's why these two have a chance to step in and help us immediately."

Prince scored 25 touchdowns last season at Americus and rushed for more than 2,500 yards.

"Doran and Prince are different type runners. Doran is like a bull. He gets the tough yards but he has speed to go all the way. Prince is a dancer. He's got the moves you saw in Greg Pruitt at Oklahoma and Johnny Rodgers at Nebraska. He could be a great one."

Foster says Terry Beeson, a 6-3, 215-pounder from Coffeyville, has a good future. "Terry was considered the best major college prospect in Kansas. He was a linebacker at Coffeyville, but he can play anywhere. We're in pretty good shape at linebacker on the varsity level, but Terry may be able to play somewhere else. He had offers from 20 major colleges.

"Coach Fambrough decided to bring the freshmen in with the varsity to start practice this year. We didn't do that last season. Normally, the freshmen report after practice starts. But last year, it slowed down the development of at least a couple of players, particularly defensive backs Kurt Knoff and Steve Taylor, who saw lots of action after they proved they could play," Foster added.

Of KU's 37 freshmen, 18 were concensus all-staters. Most of them participated in three sports in high school.

Foster says the best athlete Kansas came up with could well be Nolan Cromwell, a 6-2, 180-pound quarterback from Ransom, Kan. Cromwell accounted for more than 2,500 total yards last season. He averaged 23 points as a basketball player. He won the Kansas high school decathlon championship. He was all-state in football and basketball.

"We're probably going to use him at split end because of his speed. He's run the quarter under 50 seconds and the half mile under two minutes. He's a good one," Foster said.

Kansas' quarterback hope of the future is McCamy, another wonderous all-around athlete from Benton High in St. Joseph. Last season, he rushed for 18 touchdowns and passed for 13 more. His total offense was near the 3,000 mark.

"McCamy started every game in both football and basketball for four straight years. I never heard of that before," Foster said. "He also was the starting catcher on his baseball team."

Foster said at least three other top running backs were recruited. Right now, they appear to be Dennis Wright, a 6-2, 200-pounder from Mound City, Mo.; Lavurne Smith, a 9.6 sprinter from Wichita Southeast who stands 5-11 and weighs 175 and Jay Randall, a 6-2, 205-pounder who was a teammate of McCamy at St. Joseph Benton.

Among linemen expected to make their presence known are Doug Barrington, a 6-4, 230-pound defensive tackle from Shawnee Mission South who broke the Kansas prep discus record this spring; all-state David Howerton, a 6-5, 250-pound defensive tackle from Carthage, Mo., and 6-7, 230-pound fullback-linebacker Dick Ray of Chanute.

Cats Have Confidence in Grogan and Their New Look Offense

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last season. And don't rule out Garland Gipson, a 6-1, 185-pound freshman, if the 'Cats get into a bind.

Up front Coach Weber believes he has a quality line, but adds "the depth is nil. They're tall, rangy kids with good 40 (yard) speed. They're not too strong, but the people going against 'em will have to be pretty quick or they'll get beat."

Bill Brittain (6-5, 235) and Chuck Price (6-4, 243) are seasoned tackles; senior John Wells (6-4, 230) and redshirt Pat Clerihan (6-3, 234) man the guard spots, while Fred Rothwell (6-3, 225), has 2-year starting credentials as the center.

Promising reserves include Tim Wasemiller (6-2, 232) and Mark Zier (6-5, 231), sophomore guards, and lettermen Gary Freeman (6-3, 255) and David Hernandez (6-2, 235).

"Another goal for us offensively," Gibson adds, " is to establish a backup quarterback. Ed Johndrow (transfer from Missouri) has the inside track right now."

While it might be somewhat spendthrift to go with Johndrow, who has one year of eligibility, he's a fine athlete and a sound runner who was the Mizzou starter two years ago.

"He's the most experienced we've got," says Dimitroff. "If somebody can beat him out, that's all the better for our program. We've got a couple of freshmen coming in and a couple of sophomores, but we can't expect them to be ready."

"We've played with enthusiasm and I think we've regained some confidence,"' is the way Hitch surveys the defensive situation, an area that has caused Gibson sleepless nights—and probably will in the fall.

"You've got to remember," Hitch continues, "that this was the unit that last year gave up over 40 points in each of the last five games. A lot of the same kids are back. They were all embarassed and want to come back. I think they will and I believe they are capable of improving with each game."

Two position changes loom important if the 'Cats are to stop people.

Charles Clarington, a once-super tackle at 6-2, 242, has been moved to nose guard, and 6-5, 225-pound Bert Oettmeier has been switched from end to tackle.

"Clarington, if healthy, can be as good as any there is— and I'm talking about guys like Glover and Selmon," says Hitch. "He has strength, speed and wants to play. Oettmeier is a real competitor with good speed (:04,8), but slow feet. He's a tackle, not an end.

"Willie Cullars (6-5, 236) has all the tools. He got a fresh start this spring (after being hurt in '72) and he can make us a real good defensive end. On the other side will probably be Hal Batdorf (6-1, 215), a sophomore who really surprised us in the spring. The other tackle will be Willone Eubanks (5-11, 240). He can play both sides and after an erratic season last year, seems to have found himself.

"David Brown (6-3, 198), who has a chance to start at end, was our most improved defensive player in spring ball. Louis Wegerer (6-0, 205) can play, so can Charlie Kilgore (6-1, 219), and we recruited a couple jucos, Kim Thomas (6-1, 215) and Bill Crosby (6-5, 240)."

Linebacking has more depth," says Jackson, "and our secondary has more talent and should be improved."

Veteran linebackers Greg Jones, Don Lareau will be joined by soph Denny Gragg and possibly a couple freshmen, who come highly touted. Monster Kevin Vohoska is a 2-year veteran. Rocky Osborn is a promising soph.

The secondary, burned a year ago because of inexperience and mounting injuries, has more stability with corners Ron Solt, Terry Brown, Paul Smith and Jim Cunningham and safeties Gordon Chambliss and Jim Lembright, a redshirt.

K-State's specialty game appears to be a 50-50 situation as the season dawns. Keith Brumley (16-for-16 on P.A.T. and 3-5 in field goals) returns. But the 'Cats are in dire straits for a punter. It appears a freshman—unknown now—will have to come through or there is reason to panic.

So, suddenly, the '73 campaign is upon us and Gibson and his staff will quickly discover how far the 'Cats have come back. The opener will be played at Florida, considered the best team in the South. Win or lose it, this outing could be a confidence builder—if the 'Cats play well.

The remainder of the early schedule is honed for establishing a young team. Tulsa, Tampa and Memphis State aren't pushovers, but geared for teeth-cutting before the 'Cats encounter Kansas and Iowa State, a pair of foes who represent the moment of truth if K-State is going to climb out of the cellar and into the midsection of the most balanced, and probably the toughest football conference in the country.

Senior leadership, an ingredient Gibson places tremendous stock in, will be on trial at K-State. He believes it exists; it didn't a year ago.

The biggest thing the 'Cats have going for them at the outset is confidence in Grogan, a rough, tough junior.

A prediction here is that he will lead them out of the rough. And this contribution, coupled with being free from probation, could trigger a better season, offen predicted but too seldom realized.

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BIG STEVE GROGAN will lead the Wildcats

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By BOB HENTZEN *Topeka Capital-Journal*

IT HAPPENED OVER A YEAR AGO on a rainy, April Saturday in Manhatten, Kan. You probably don't remember because few eyes in the Big Eight football world were focused on Kansas State that day. There were maybe 3,-000 fans on hand for the Wildcats' spring game.

I was very interested, though. Coach Vince Gibson, not one to overlook a gimmick, had put a couple of sports writers (Manhattan's Dave Wright was the other) in charge of the two teams. The squads supposedly were divided evenly, but I noted that Dennis Morrison, John Goerger, Ron Coppebarger —heck, just about all the stars—were wearing purple shirts. My team was in white.

That is the day I found first hand—from the sidelines— what kind of tight end Henry Childs can be. Before the game was very old, our side knew that he was our best weapon. So did the Purple defense. Every time quarterback Steve Grogan faded to pass, it seemed like everybody in the secondary migrated toward Childs.

It didn't matter. Using his 4.7 speed, size (6-2, 220) and marvelous hands, Henry time and again went up in traffic and came down clutching the ball. He fielded 12 passes for 160 yards and the Whites wound up with a 16-16 tie. By golly, we'd have won if a 46-yard touchdown pass to Childs hadn't been called back.

''Wasn't that some kind of performance?'' Gibson said, remembering it well a year later. Since it came on the heels of a fine finish to Childs' sophomore season (26 receptions and 3 touchdowns in the last five games), Gibson wasn't bashful about saying he thought he had the best tight end in the land.

But 1972 was not a year when the Cats had the best of anything, starting with their 3-8 record. Childs wasn't a flop, but he was injured early and came back to finish with modest totals—33 catches for 467 yards and 5 touchdowns. He ranked below Iowa State's

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Keith Krepfle, Colorado's J. V. Cain and Oklahoma's Albert Chandler in any conversation about tight ends.

"When the team plays poorly, everybody plays poorly; it's a mental thing," observed Gibson. "He played pretty good and made some big plays, but..."

No, 1972 was a forgettable year for Henry Childs, which is precisely what he's done. "The team as a whole didn't have a good year, so I didn't have a good year," he said. "I don't think about it. It's past."

Now, in 1973, Gibson believes the Big Eight will see the real Childs—an even better one than the model on the drawing board a year ago. You see, he has become a complete player.

"He's really improved on his blocking," Gibson said after spring drills. "He's never been a good blocker, but he's seen the need for it and is really working on it.

"I'm more concerned with blocking now," Childs said. "I know I can catch it. If we can get the running game going, everything will work together. I know I'll still get some passes."

Henry came to Kansas State almost without blocking experience. He'd seldom had to block as a wide receiver (and defensive back) at Douglass High School in Thomasville, Ga.

The football career of the quiet, but confident K-State senior really began at about age 10 on the sandlots of Thomasville. "If you could take the punishment you could play," he recalled with one of his frequent smiles. "I was playing against guys up to 18 and I got battered around quite a bit, but it didn't discourage me. I liked to play."

Organized football in Thomasville starts with a YMCA program for kids 12 and over. In Childs' first year in that, he lasted one day. "I didn't have momma's permission to play," he explained. "I went out one day and, when I got home late, the next day I had to quit. My older brothers had played and she saw them get hurt. One broke his leg pretty bad."

But Mrs. A. J. Childs (a maid) changed her mind the next year. "My brothers (two, plus five sisters) talked to her and I think the coach did also," Henry related. "After I got started playing, she didn't mind. She was really behind me. My dad (a meat packing employee) never did care if I played."

Childs was to start for four straight years in high school. The football games he's proudest of were played right there. If you visit the room in the K-State athletic dorm he shares with fellow Georgian Isaac Jackson, he will pull a yearbook off the shelf to prove what kind of team Douglass had.

"When I was a sophomore, we won the state championship," he said. "The score in the final game was 50-14, but they (Ethel Kite High in LaGrange) had 14 before we scored. I caught two touchdowns. That same year we were 0-0 with 16 seconds left against our cross-town rival, Magnolia, when I caught a touchdown."

Childs also wants it known that his high school coach, James Bryant, taught him something besides how to run pass patterns. "He talked to me and told me what I should do to get ready to come to college," he said. "He talked to me about grades."

Childs paid attention and was qualified academically when the recruiters started writing letters and visiting. There were many because he also was considered a basketball prospect after averaging 21 points per game.

"Mostly I wanted to get away from home," he said. "I could have gone to Florida State, but that was only 30 miles away and I wanted to do something on my own." K-State aide Bobby Jackson, no stranger to the Georgia territory, gave him that opportunity.

Henry darn sure knew he was away from home when he visited Manhattan. "There was something like 10 inches of snow on the ground," he said. "It doesn't snow in Thomasville, but the cold and snow didn't discourage me."

However, like many freshmen, he was discouraged with his early progress in college. He was moved around ("They had me in at defensive back in one scrimmage") and didn't settle at unfamiliar tight end until fall practice his sophomore year.

"I had a lot of adjusting to do, but I never doubted myself I'd be able to play," Childs said. The reason he didn't right away was that ol' bugaboo, blocking. "When you're not used to something, it's kind of awkward."

The K-State coaches decided they could overlook that deficiency when Morrison was turned loose as a passer midway through the 1971 season. Childs had caught only four passes in the first six games when he matched that total against Oklahoma. He followed with a 6-144 day against Missouri, 7-90 against Oklahoma State, 6-67 against Nebraska and 3-32 against Memphis.

That, plus his showing the next spring, was enough to convince 1972 foes that Childs deserved double coverage. "I was double covered some last year," he said, "but that wasn't it. What hurt most was getting my ankle messed up at Brigham Young. It bothered me through the Colorado game. I think I can catch the ball on double coverage."

Childs, in fact, thinks he can do anything, which, with his physical tools, perhaps he can.

"I wouldn't mind being a running back," he said. "I think I've got the size and speed. Anything you want to do, if you put your mind to it, you can do it.

"I think playing under pressure is really nice. I don't get emotional, but if I want to break something, I know what I've got to do."

So what has he put his mind to do at tight end in 1973?

"I don't have individual goals," he replied. "I want to win. I'll do anything to help us win. I don't think I've played up to my potential yet."

That last sentence could be bad news for those who happen to have scheduled Kansas State in 1973.

Gibson's Viewpoint . . .

"I'M NOT GONNA SAY how high we'll finish, but I think we'll have a good football team," is the guarded approach Coach Vince Gibson is taking about a Kansas State football team that a year ago he predicted was "a year away."

"I always had to talk positive to build this program," he explains, "and last year I thought we'd be pretty good. It blew up in my face and we didn't have the toughness to fall back on.

"Now I'm gonna just wait and see how we come back. If we do we could be the surprise of the conference.

"I really believe that we're gonna have a helluva race. The Big Eight is gonna be as tough as it's ever been, but the big difference will be in the second-division teams. I think they'll be stronger, therefore the race will be more competitive from top to bottom. I think we have more solid-type football players in the conference than at any other time.

"I see it as a great race and it's up to some of us teams to start to push the leaders. I think somebody's gonna get Oklahoma and Nebraska. Defensively I don't think either one is as good as it has been."

Gibson believes having the thorny cloak of probation lifted from the Wildcats' hide will provide a "great emotional lift. Just knowing we can go to a bowl game is a good boost to the kids. This is especially important because of the way we got put on it (in '70) when we had a chance to go to a bowl.

"Our offense has to carry us," Gibson continues, getting into the basics of what it will take for the 'Cats to improve.

"Steve Grogan is a fine quarterback. The kids believe in him. We've got 5-6 good running backs. We need a wide receiver to come through to help Henry Childs (tight end). Fred Merrill could be the guy; we really missed him last year. We've got some experience in the offensive line.

"Our biggest problem is defense. We're not strong in the interior, but we'll be better in the secondary. If Charles Clarington comes through at nose guard he can take a lot of pressure off our tackles. They have to play well.

"Another thing defensively is that we're back to our game (5-4 alignment). We changed in the middle of last season, but it didn't help much because we had so many kids hurt. We've always done well with this defense; we led the league in '70 and until last year were always up there high.

"We've got some quality kids on defense, but they must develop. We also have to have a backup quarterback. Right now it looks like it'll be Ed Johndrow.

"We've got some senior leadership. That's important. But the biggest thing is that we're hittin' again."

GRAGG, SMITH AT TOP OF OUTSTANDING K-

By DEL BLACK

TWO AREAS in which Kansas State figures to be improved are linebacking and the secondary. And while counting on young players to come through doesn't usually lend to a bright won-loss picture in the Big Eight Conference, the Wildcats have a pair of winners in Denny Gragg and Paul Smith.

When Coach Vince Gibson mentions 8-9 sophomores he expects to develop into quality football players, he begins with Gragg and Smith.

"Smith is the Clarence Scott-type," Gibson says, reiterating his comparison of a year ago of the freshman from Kansas City Southeast High School with the young cornerback of the Cleveland Browns who played for the 'Cats.

Smith, who started the Colorado game—the fifth of the season—last year, had to mature in a hurry and substantiated the coaches' faith in him by contributing 21 unassisted tackles and helping on another seven despite playing with a shoulder injury that finally halted his starting streak before the season's finale against Nebraska.

"Yeah, I had the first-game jitters," Smith acknowledged. "I tried not to worry about the games too much, I mean who we were playing; I just tried to know what had to be done and tried to do it. After the first contact I always forgot about the tension and just played."

Smith, 5-11, 158, came to K-State with the great-athlete, speed-to-burn reputation after buildimg prep credentials around an outstanding pass-catching career. He is typical of the "best athlete" coaches—pro and collegiate—seek out in setting up a secondary to defend against today's sprinter-type wide receivers.

Smith, who turns 40 yards in 4.5 seconds, has impressed Bob Hitch, K-State's new defensive line coach.

"He's the tough-type," Hitch says. "He has a tremendous amount of ability. He had an off-and-on spring, but you can see the potential is there."

Gragg, a 6-2, 226-pound sophomore, will carry the "super" tag if he fulfills the anticipations of the 'Cat staff. A Topeka High School product, he looks like an early-season starter who is one of the reasons the 'Cats expect steady improvement overall defensively.

"He looks very good," says Bobby Jackson, defensive coordinator. "I'm encouraged with our linebacking because of Gragg and a couple of guys who played last year—Greg Jones and Don Lareau. Gragg has the size and mobility."

K-State needs defensive support from its sophomores: tackle Hal Batdorf (6-3, 219) from Cloucester, N.J., end Louis Wegerer (6-0, 205) from Marion, Kan., nose guard Charlie Kilgore (6-0, 219) from Bishop Miege High in Fairway, Kan., end Wes Nimmo (6-2, 225) from Ponca City, Okla., cornerback Stan Ross (6-1, 190) from Atchison, Kan., and monster Rocky Osborn (5-11, 185) from Shawnee Mission South in Leawood, Kan.

"Batdorf had a good

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spring," Hitch evaluated. "Wegerer is one of the strongest men on our squad. Kilgore (who played as a freshman during the late going) has more quickness than any of our linemen."

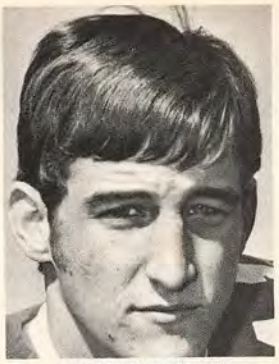
The 'Cats have some redshirts waiting in the wings and should get immediate help from Pat Clerihan (6-3, 234), an offensive guard, Ed Johndrow, quarterback who transferred from Missouri; safety Jim Lembright; wide receiver John Tuttle, a juco transfer who missed last season with an ankle injury: flanker Dean Williams, a :09.3 sprinting star at K-State; and Les Chaves, (6-1, 185) cornerback.

Offensively, running backs Regan Steiner (6-2, 200) from Godfrey, Ill., and Tom Winchell (6-2, 206) from Treynor, Iowa, are red-shirt sophomores. Winchell may operate at tight end with veteran Henry Childs and Dave Chambliss (6-2, 217).

Greg Whelan (6-0, 209) from Medicine Lodge, Kan., is a sophomore counted upon to add running-back depth and offensive guards Tim Wasemiller (6-2, 232) from Lehigh, Kan., and Mark Zier (6-5, 231) from Lincoln, Kan., are sophs to watch.

Top jucos are defensive linemen Kim Thomas 16-1, 215 from Nebraska Southern College and Bill Crosby (6-3, 240) from Triton (Ill.) College, and flanker Leonard Willis, a :09.4 sprinter from Nebraska Southern.

A soph kicker, Bill Sinovic, from Shawnee Mission South High, can help.



STEVE GROGAN

GREG JONES

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ISAAC JACKSON

SOUNDING OFF

HENRY CHILDS, tight end—"It's going to be tough again to win in the conference, it always is. Nebraska and Oklahoma don't appear to have the superstars but the second-division teams will be improved. We'll have to scramble to make the first division and play a lot better. We're capable of doing that."

STEVE GROGAN, quarterback—"Anybody can beat anybody else on any given day in this conference. I think the top two or three teams will level off somewhat and it will be a tight race once again. If we can get our people together and really put out we have a good chance to finish high in the conference. Offensively, we've got to score some points and our defense must come through."

GREG JONES, linebacker—"Probably the conference is more balanced than it has been the last couple of years. I don't think there is the 'superstar' team this season. The coaching changes in the league might have some effect. As a team, I have no idea. We should be better, a lot better. We've got to win them all at home and play well on the road."

JOHN WELLS, offensive guard—"The conference is always tough, there are a lot of good teams. Some of those good teams lost a lot of people. I don't want to say anything about our chances but I'm optimistic, though. We are off probation now and have something to look forward to and work towards as the season progresses. Our offense needs to keep coming and we need to find more depth. I think we'll be a good football team."

TERRY BROWN, cornerback—"The Big Eight is the toughest football conference in the country and we have a chance to be up there. With Rodgers and Pruitt gone the league should be more balanced. The key to our season is the attitude of the younger players. The coaches have attempted to instill mental toughness this spring. The season depends on the players' attitude. This as what we're capitalizing on this year."

CHARLES CLARINGTON, nose guard—"Our chances are better than what they've been. I think maybe Nebraska and Oklahoma have slipped to the level of the other schools. Kansas State has a sound club. If we continue to work hard we can be considered a contender. Losing some star players and the coaching changes might have some effect on Oklahoma and Nebraska. I'm going into the season with an open mind. We know what we have to do and we have the people and ability to be good."

ISAAC JACKSON—"A lot of teams in the conference lost a lot of players. The conference should be somewhat different due to the coaching changes around. Kansas State has the potential like always but we just haven't produced. As for our chances, we'll have to stay well and depth is a problem."

KANSAS STATE ROSTER and

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Aderhold, Julius	TE	6-3	228	So	Atlanta, Ga
Allen, Randy	S	5-10	190	So	Jefferson City,Mo
Baker, Robert	C	6-1	206	So	Seminole, Ok
Batdorf, Hal	DT	6-3	219	So	Gloucester, NJ
Bogue, Greg	S	5-10	185	So	Wichita, Ks
Brandt, Bob	OG	6-2	241	Jr	St. Joseph, Mo
Brittain, Bill	OG	6-5	235	Sr	Perryton, Tx
Brown, David	DE	6-3	198	Sr	Dewey, Ok
Brown, Kent	OT	6-2	230	So	Wichita, Ks
Brown, Terry	DB	6-2	202	Sr	Savannah, Ga
Brumley, Keith	K	6-2	203	Sr	Chandler, Ind
Buck, Pete	LB	6-0	202	So	St. Louis, Mo
Calhoun, Don	FB	6-0	204	Sr	Wichita, Ks
Cantrell, Larry	LB	6-1	213	Jr	Haysville, Ks
Carson, Alton	DE	6-1	230	So	Eastmen, Ga
Chambliss, Dave	TE	6-2	217	So	Lawrence, Ks
Chambliss, Gordon	S	6-2	188	Jr	Lawrence, Ks
Chaves, Les	DB	6-1	185	Jr	Junction City, Ks
Childs, Henry	TE	6-2	218	Sr	Thomasville, Ga
Clarington, C	DT	6-2	242	Sr	Perrine, Fla
Clerihan, Pat	OG	6-3	242	Jr	Philadelphia, Pa
Cleveland, Jim	LB	6-0	203	So	Tulsa, Ok
Collier, Mike	S	6-2	191	So	Topeka, Ks
Cooper, David	WR	6-2	180	So	Strong, Ks
Crabaugh, Steve	LB	6-2	222	So	Kansas City, Ks
Cullars, Willie	DE	6-5	235	Sr	Washington, Ga
Cunningham,George	NG	6-0	195	So	Torrance, Cal
Daniel, Randy	DB	5-11	180	So	Cameron, Mo
Davis, Frank	FB	5-9	206	Jr	Thomasville, Ga
Dietz, Charles	DE	6-1	218	So	Manhatten, Ks
Dille, David	OT	6-4	242	Jr	Lafayette, Ind
Douglas, Bob	DE	6-3	225	So	Tulsa, Ok
Dove, Robby	WR	6-0	185	So	Great Bend, Ks
Dyke, Phil	MM	6-0	186	Jr	Sioux City, Ia
Eubanks, Willone	DT	5-11	240	Sr	Wichita, Ks
Flaniken, Ken	FB	6-1	204	So	Oklahoma City, Ok
Freeman, Gary	OT	6-3	255	Sr	East Moline, Ill
Furman, Fletcher	QB	6-2	185	So	Preston, Mo
Gaul, Mark	DE	6-2	216	So	Overland Park, Ks
Geist, Gary	DT	6-3	245	Jr	Hays, Ks
George, Ron	OG	6-2	220	Jr	Estherville, Ia
Gragg, Denny	LB	6-2	226	So	Topeka, Ks
Gray, Rickey	DT	6-3	246	So	Mobile, Ala
Grogan, Steve	QB	6-4	200	Jr	Ottawa, Ks
Hayes, Ike	DB	5-10	180	So	Miami, Fla
Hedberg, Axel	OT	6-5	245	Jr	Modesto, Cal
Hemphill, Dennis	OG	6-2	220	So	Poteau, Ok
Hernandez, David	OT	6-2	235	Jr	Oxnard, Cal
Hightower, Curt	DB	5-8	170	So	Wichita, Ks
Hogan, Chuck	OT	6-4	218	So	Gainesville, Fla
Holman, Bill	FB	5-10	187	Sr	Dodge City, Ks
Hoskins, Rickey	QB	6-4	195	So	White Deer, Tx
Jackson, Isaac	HB	5-9	190	Sr	Macon, Ga
Jackson, Jim	DT	6-2	228	So	Leavenworth, Ks
Jacobs, Wes	LB	6-2	227	Jr	Wooster, Oh
Johndrow, Ed	Qb	6-1	173	Sr	Overland Park, Ks
Johnson, Steve	OT	6-5	239	Jr	Red Oak, Ia
Jones, Greg	LB	6-0	209	Sr	Tulsa, Ok
Jones, Oliver	NG	6-0	207	So	Manhatten,Ks
Jones, Verdell	HB	6-0	205	So	East St. Louis,Il
Kilgore, Charlie	NG	6-0	219	So	Shawnee Mission,Ks
King, Terry	DB	6-0	198	Jr	Lincoln,Ks
King, Tom	MM	6-0	178	So	St. Clairsville,Oh
Koch, Steve	C	6-3	237	Sr	Kingman, Ks
Langston, Ken	FB	6-0	210	So	Fairland, Ok
Lareau, Don	LB	6-0	203	Jr	Hinsdale, Ill
Lawyer, David	OG	6-0	230	So	Seminole, Ok
Lembright, Jim	S	6-1	178	So	Dodge City, Ks
Leonard, Cal	HB	6-0	210	So	Indianola, Ia
Livingston, David	QB	6-4	199	So	El Dorado, Ks
McCarthy, John	TE	6-3	185	Sr	Cleveland Hts, Oh
Mahaffey, Tom	DB	6-1	172	So	Plano, Ill
Merrifield, Tom	WR	6-0	187	So	Leawood, Ks
Merrill, Fred	WR	6-2	185	Sr	Shawnee Mission,Ks
Naymick, Geoff	LB	6-0	210	So	Newell, W Va
Nimmo, Wes	DE	6-2	225	So	Ponca City, Ok
Oettmeier, Bert	DT	6-5	225	Sr	Overland Park, Ks
O'Leary, John	DT	6-2	225	Jr	Chicago, Ill
Olson, Ernie	OT	6-4	260	Jr	Kansas City, Ks
Osborn, Rocky	MM	5-11	185	So	Leawood, Ks
Parham, Don	WR	6-2	188	Jr	Wichita, Ks
Paulus, Tim	WR	6-3	192	Sr	Phoenix, Ariz
Payton, Ronnie	DE	6-2	221	So	Macon, Ga
Peterson, Bud	WR	6-3	176	Jr	Shawnee Mission,Ks
Peterson, Chris	QB	6-4	214	Jr	Huron, SD
Price, Charles	OT	6-4	243	Sr	Phoenix, Ariz
Rauscher, Bob	LB	6-0	205	Jr	Coffeyville, Ks
Rhoades, John	TE	6-4	216	So	Shawnee Mission
Roberts, Mike	C	6-4	232	So	Birmingham, Ala
Ross, Stan	DB	6-1	190	So	Atchison, Ks
Rothwell, Fred	C	6-3	225	Sr	Gainesville, Fla
Roy, Larry	WR	6-3	185	So	Wichita, Ks
Scott, Bob	DE	6-1	214	Sr	Piper, Ks
Sinovic, Bill	K	6-0	180	So	Shawnee Mission
Smith, Paul	DB	5-11	185	So	Kansas City, Mo
Solt, Ron	DB	5-11	179	Jr	Wamego, Ks
Specht, Dave	HB	5-11	192	Jr	Shawnee Mission
Steiner, Regan	HB	6-2	200	So	Godfred, Ill
Stucky, Roger	NG	6-1	216	Jr	Moundridge, Ks
Taylor, Mike	WR	6-1	175	So	Opa-Locka, Fla
Thompson, Rick	DT	6-2	222	So	Cameron, Mo
Tuerk, Tim	OG	6-2	245	So	Palatine, Ill
Tuttle, John	WR	6-1	187	Jr	Wichita, Ke
Vietti, Kevin	QB	6-4	212	So	Pryor, Ok
Vohoska, Kevin	MM	6-2	201	Sr	Denver, Co
Warren, Adolpnus	FB	6-1	185	So	Thomasville, Ga
Wasemiller, Tim	OG	6-2	232	So	Lehigh, Ke
Washington, Josh	WR	5-8	155	Sr	New Orleans, La
Wasker, Chuck	DT	6-2	215	So	Des Moines, Ia
Wecker, Mike	MM	5-11	183	So	Emporia, Ks
Wegerer, Louis	DE	6-0	205	So	Marion, Ks
Wells, John	OG	6-4	230	Sr	Pico Rivera, Cal
Whelan, Greg	HB	6-0	209	So	Medicine Lodge
Williams, Dean	WR	5-10	170	Jr	Omaha, Neb
Winchell, Tom	FB	6-2	206	So	Treynor, Ia
Wright, Keith	S	6-0	178	So	Topeka, Ks
Zier, Mark	C	6-5	231	So	Lincoln, Ks

DEPTH CHART CAPS indicate returning starters

ISAAC JACKSON
(5-9, 190 Sr)
Dave Specht
5"11, 192 Jr)

DON CALHOUN
(6-0, 204 Sr)
Regan Steiner
(6-2, 200 So)
Bill Holman
(5-10, 187 Sr)

Steve Grogan
(6-4, 200 Jr)
Ed Johndrow
(6-1, 173 Sr)

DON PARHAM
(6-2, 188 Jr)
John Tuttle
(6-1, 187 Jr)
Fred Merrill
(6-2, 185 Sr)

HENRY CHILDS
(6-2, 218 Sr)
Tom Winchell
(6-2, 206 So)

GARY FREEMAN
(6-3, 255 Sr)
Axel Hedberg
(6-5, 245 Jr)

BILL RRITTAIN
(6-5, 235 Sr)
Mark Zier
(6-5, 231 So)

FRED ROTHWELL
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Tim Wasemiller
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JOHN WELLS
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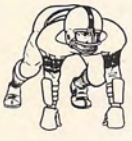

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Bud Peterson
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David Brown
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Wes Nimmo
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BERT OETTMEIER
(6-5, 225 Sr)
WILLONE EUBANKS
(5-11, 240 Sr)

CHARLES CLARINGTON
(6-2, 242 Sr)
Charlie Kilgore
(6-0, 219 So)
ROGER STUCKY
(6-1, 216 Jr)

Hal Batdorf
(6-3, 219 So)
Rickey Gray
(6-3, 246 So)

Willie Cullars
(6-5, 236 Sr)
Louis Wegerer
(6-0, 205 So)

GREG JONES
(6-0, 209 Sr)
WES JACOBS
(6-2, 227 Jr)

DON LAREAU
(6-0, 203 Jr)
Denny Gragg
(6-2, 226 So)

Ron Solt
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Paul Smith
(5-11, 158 So)

GORDON CHAMBLISS
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Jim Lembright
(6-1, 178 So)

KEVIN VOHOSKA
(6-2, 201 Sr)
Rocky Osborn
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Freshman Harvest

"We were real selective. In the past we've signed too many average players. We can't worry about beating KU... we've got to get the people who can win the Big Eight."

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COACH VINCE GIBSON SAYS Kansas State went after—-and signed—quality football players rather than quantity.

"We're off probation now," he savors, "and we were real selective. In the past we've always worried about beating K.U. and we signed too many average players.

"We can't worry about beating K.U. recruiting—sure, that's nice to do, but we've got to go out and get the people who can win the Big Eight for us. We've got to get that caliber kid.

"In the past we've signed too many average players and not the great ones."

Gibson, whose first recruiting class in 1967 included such outstanding players as Lynn Dickey, Clarence Scott, Larry Brown, Ron Dickerson, Oscar Gibson, Mike Kolich and Mike Montgomery, set up a different pattern of recruiting before the current crop was wooed.

"Now we've got to have approval on a boy from three of our assistants and I have to have recommendation from his high school coach before I agree," Gibson revealed. "That's five approvals.

"What we've done is cut down the margin of error.

"The last couple of years we had some new coaches and new coaches sometimes don't know what it takes to win in the Big Eight Conference.

"It takes the super player."

Gibson believes the Wildcats have some super freshmen in their stable.

He points to a pair of yearling linebackers as "supers": Theopolis Bryant, a 6-1, 240-pounder from County High School in Tifton, Ga., and Carl Pennington, 6-2, 235, from Mary Persons High in Forsyth, Ga.

Florida State, Tennessee and Georgia lost the battle with K–State for Bryant, whom a Tennessee aide calls the best high school linebacker he has ever seen. Pennington chose the Wildcats over the Bulldogs of Georgia.

Gibson plucked a dozen prospects from an "off-year" crop of Kansas high school gridders.

Vic Chandler, the all-everything-athlete from McPherson, narrowed it down to the 'Cats and Arkansas before chcosing K-State. The 6-3, 190-pound fullback-linebacker joined Dennis Frazee of Summerfield as two of the most sought-after footballers in the Sunflower state. Like Chandler, Frazee, is a running back with 4.6 speed for the 40·

"In Kansas it was not a good crop at all," Gibson said. "It just wasn't a banner year. The smaller schools had more good players than usual, but in Kansas City it was the worst crop I've ever seen."

Another prospect rated high by Gibson is Bill Dixon, a 6-4, 210-pound receiver with :09.5 speed from Crisp High in Cordela, Ga.

At least two quarterbacks are included in the Wildcat harvest. They are Arthur Baily, 6-3, 190, from Carver High in Montgomery, Ala., and Rod DeBoe, 6-2, 205, from Scott High in Toledo, Ohio.

Carl Whitfield, a 6-foot, 175-pound running back, scored 22 touchdowns for Troup County High in LaGrange, Fla., and quite possibly is the best ball carrier on the scene.

Garland Gibson, 6-1, 185 all-stater from Eisenhower High in Lawton, Okla., is another receiver 'Cat foes will have to reckon with in the near future.

Among the linemen signed, Tom Dela Hunt (6-4, 225) from Western High in Cypress, Calif., fits into the Wildcats' offensive line plans.

In all, the 'Cats went out of state to pluck six freshmen from Georgia, three from Oklahoma and Florida, two a piece from Iowa, Ohio, Alabama and Illinois and one each from Texas and California.

Gibson won't venture an opinion on how many of the current crop of frosh will be used with the varsity this season, but undoubtedly each will get a good look as the 'Cats attempt to rebound from the 1972 record of 3-8. He hints that Bryant and Pennington have the tools to make it quickly and will labor in an era where the 'Cats have often needed help.

"I am encouraged with the future of football at K-State," he smiles.

OKLAHOMA

The Sooners Are Not Without Jewels, But. . .

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"But," Switzer said, "we are inexperienced where experience counts the most—quarterback and the offensive line."

Actually, OU's offensive line is not as short of experience as it is ability. At quarterback, there is no experience but a hint of ability in numbers. Unsung sophomore Steve Davis shed 15 pounds (to 186) and gained speed (4.7 in the 40) during a redshirt year and was clearly No. 1 after Jackson's exit. Many thought Scott Hill would wrest the No. 1 job from Davis. Instead, Davis widened his lead the final three weeks of spring practice.

"We are not as bad off at quarterback as we might have been," Switzer said. "Hill will compete and McReynolds is a good prospect. But Davis is way ahead. Steve can run; he can handle the ball, and he's not far from being equal to Dave Robertson as a passer, which surprises people. He's still got things to learn about the mechanics—something Dave already knew at this time last year. But Steve can do things Dave couldn't do. He can make plays on his own."

Being able to scramble may be a prime requirement for OU's 1973 quarterback. The only returning starters in the line are tackle Eddie Foster (250) and guard John Roush (235). Four second teamers return but only center Kyle Davis (225) satisfied Switzer in the spring. Guard Terry Webb, six-foot sophomore redshirt who grew from 197 to 245 without sacrificing his speed, was a spring find and won a starting assignment. Letterman Jerry Arnold (220) and several big-but-not-ready rookies left the other tackle uncertain. Tight end depends on the fitness and conversion of former split end John Carroll. If Carroll does not come through, tight end might be a crisis.

The outlook is much brighter among the running backs. The 170-pound Washington, who gained 630 yards last year as a freshman who played more and better than Joe Wylie, has gamebreaker speed and moves, a la Greg Pruitt and Johnny Rodgers. Burget (200) is a quick, slashing runner. Fullback Tim Welch (190) proved his competency for two years as a much-used, backup for Leon Crosswhite.

Oklahoma, which capitalized on the freshman rule last year more than any other Big Eight team, will look to freshmen to play backup roles in the offensive line and backfield. Billy Brooks, junior college signee who is best equipped for split end, was signed in the spring and may have to start at tight end if Carroll can not.

Carroll may hold the offensive key. The tall, fast senior was considered a possible No. 1 draft choice as a split end, before a knee injury sidelined him and opened the stardom doors to Owens. Carroll underwent knee surgery last winter and dropped out of spring practice, becauee of pain, after only one week at tight end. He has been pronounced medically fit. With OU reconciled to its lack of blocking muscle, Switzer thinks, "we could add a new dimension to the Wishbone with a tight end who can run and catch.

What Switzer welcomes most is the No. 1 defense. The line will average almost 240, chiefly because of LeRoy (262) and Dewey (245) Selmon, the stunning replacements for graduated tackles Derland (All-America) Moore and Raymond (Twice all conference) Moore. Flanking them and nose guard Lucious (233) Selmon are ends Gary Baccus (230) and Mike Struck (222), or Wayne Hoffman (225). David Smith (230 and fast) is a competent linebacking companion for Shoate. Strong safety Randy Hughes and free safety Durwood Keeton are all-star types. Cornerbacks Kenith Pope (205) and Clyde Powers (195) are fast and physical. Except at end, defensive depth is critical.

"Our defense could be outstanding if we don't have injuries," Switzer said. "The defense will give us a chance if the offense doesn't put them into too many holes. But in this day and age you can't win with defense alone."

DEEEE FENSE...DEEEE FENSE will doubtless steal the thunder from the once high octane offense.

Switzer's Viewpoint . . .

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS Oklahoma's wishbone offense has been devastating people from coast to coast. But this year the Sooner attack doesn't figure to conjure such a storm, and that has Barry Switzer worried.

When the new OU head coach talks about the problems of the 1973 Sooners, he'll talk first about the offensive line and secondly about inexperience at quarterback.

"There's no doubt about it, the offensive line has me worried quite a bit. It's our biggest problem," he says. "When you lose people like Tom Brahaney, Dean Unruh, Ken Jones and Al Chandler, you have a huge gap to fill.

"We just have some people who have never played in those positions before. We'll have a tight end who never played there before and we'll have a tackle who never played that position."

And what about the quarterback slot.

"Everyone knows how much it hurt us losing Kerry Jackson. He could have been the premier quarterback in the Big Eight this year. I think Steve Davis can do a good job. But he has never played a down of varsity football before.

"Steve is a good runner. He has pretty good quickness. We think that he will be an adequate passer. The thing that helped Steve was being redshirted last year. So he knows the fundamentals of the wishbone pretty well."

Last season the Sooner defense was one of the stingiest in the nation, Switzer thinks they'll be good again, but said the lack of offense may take away from some of the effectiveness.

"Remember last year our defense got plenty of time to rest because our offense had the football so much. I think if our offense comes through, it will make us a better defensive team.

"We have some outstanding players, but in a few spots we are inexperienced. Also, we don't have much depth in the defensive line, so we can't afford injuries.

"Another place where we don't have a lot of depth is in the offensive backfield. But I'm counting on some freshmen and junior college transfers to help us there."

And what about the Big Eight race?

"Well, from what I hear, Nebraska may have a better offense. The reason is that their running game should be better and David Humm should be better at quarterback with another year of experience.

"And of course, Colorado has a lot of talent coming back. They have that entire backfield returning. And you can't forget about Oklahoma State. They have more people returning than anyone else in the Big Eight. And I'm sure some of the other teams around the league will come up with a couple of surprises."

Sophs To Watch

SOONERS LOOK TO JUCO TO MEND BREAKS IN THE

By AL ESCHBACH *Oklahoma Journal*

OKLAHOMA never had been known to stress too much interest in junior college players. In fact, the first one Bud Wilkinson recruited was Joe Don Looney in 1962. That arrangement never worked out as Joe Don was booted from the team in 1963.

But times have changed in Norman. The junior college player now plays a big part in the OU recruiting program. Barry Switzer thinks that juco's can help. And he thinks the juco's this year will help more than ever because he figures it's the best in his seven-year stay at Oklahoma.

"This definitely is the best crop of junior college players we have signed since I have been here," Switzer admitted. "We have some that are really going to help us this year."

There are three juco imports that should help a great deal on offense—halfback Clyde Russell, fullback Waymon Clark and tight or split end Billy Brooks.

Russell is a two-time juco All-American from Garden City JC. During his freshman campaign he ran for 2,088 yards and last year he piled up 1,588 yards of acreage.

"I think Clyde can help us a great deal this year," says Switzer. "We think he'll see a lot of action in the backfield."

"Wait till people see this guy," beamed OU recruiting coordinator Jerry Pettibone. "His moves are unbelieveable. He is sort of like Greg Pruitt, once he turns that corner, he's gone." Russell is 5-9, 185 with 4.5 speed in the 40.

The Sooner staff is also very high on Billy Brooks, a 6-3, 205-pounder from Navarro, Texas JC, who does the 40 in 4.5. If John Carroll's leg does not mend properly, Brooks will be given a shot at the starting tight end slot.

"This guy is something else," admits Pettibone. "He has some pair of hands. He can really go get them. He has the ability to be one of the top receivers in the country."

Clark is a 6-2, 205-pounder who also does the 40 in 4.5. Clark, who hails from Austin, Tex., played at Tyler JC. "I think Waymon could really give us some depth at fullback," says Switzer.

Another candidate for the tight end job will be Gary Potters, a 6-3, 215-pounder from Santa Ana, Calif. JC.

The Sooners had the advantage of having two junior college transfers enter school in January so they were able to participate in spring drills. The two players, Anthony Peters and Donald Vincent of Northeastern A&M JC in Miami, Okla., figure to help the defensive unit.

CLYDE RUSSELL

TRANSFERS WISHBONE

Peters is a 6-3, 190-pound cornerback who was pushing Clyde Powers for a starting job.

"Peters looked outstanding during the spring," said Sooner defensive boss Larry Lacewell. "There's no doubt about, he's going to be a player. Everyone is impressed with him."

Vincent will probably be used mostly as a back-up defensive lineman during the campaign.

"Donald is going to help us," said Switzer. "It's tough for junior college players to get accustomed real quick. But he has a lot of ability and is going to be a very fine player."

Of the sophomore crop, only five really figure to help the Sooner fortunes. On defense, LeRoy and Dewey Selmon should take care of the tackle slots.

Over on the offensive side, Joe Washington at halfback, Steve Davis at quarterback and Terry Webb at guard all have drawn praise from Switzer.

"Joe Washington could be a great one," said the Sooner coach. "He doesn't turn the corner as fast as Pruitt and doesn't run as hard as him, but Greg didn't really develop until a junior. Joe has a lot of ability and can make the big play at any time."

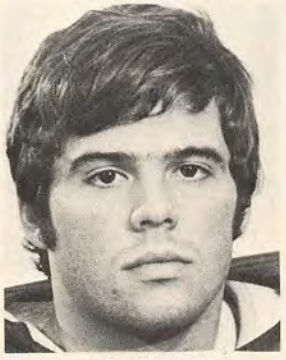
Davis became the leading candidate for the quarterback job when Kerry Jackson was ruled ineligible. Davis, a native of Sallisaw, Okla., was redshirted last year.

The third soph Switzer thinks can help on offense is Webb. "Terry made a great deal of improvement during the spring. We think that he has the ability to be one of our top offensive lineman during the season."

GRANT BURGET

KENITH POPE

TINKER OWENS



STEVE DAVIS

JOE WASHINGTON

SOUNDING OFF

GRANT BURGET, halfback—"I think we're going to have a pretty good offense. People have been saying thot we're not going to be able to move the ball, but I disagree. We have a lot of young players and as the season goes along, we're going to score a lot of points. Sure, we're going to miss Kerry Jackson, but when Steve Davis and Scotty Hill get some experience, they're going to be good ones. I didn't mind being redshirted and then sitting on the bench last year. We had a lot of great players here. I'm just glad I got my chance now."

KENITH POPE, cornerback—"I think we could be better this year on defense, if you can imagine that. I really think we're going to have a little better quickness. I think the secondary is going to be better because we all have more experience. After all, Durwood Keeton and Clyde Powers are pretty good players. And those three Selmons are really studs. We got a lot of pride as a unit last year. I think this will carry on through this season. We're all pretty confident."

TINKER OWENS, split end—"Everyone has been telling us that we're not going to have a good offense. But we have some very talented people. I think we're going to be able to put it all together. We have some good running backs, everyone knows that. And I think we'll be able to throw the ball. I don't think teams are going to be able to come in and just play a nine-man line against us. When we get things together, we're going to be tough to stop."

LUCIOUS SELMON, noseguard—"You don't know how much fun it's going to be playing between my brothers LeRoy and Dewey. This is something that we have been talking about for a long time. I think we're going to have a great defense. I think we can be as good as last year, and I think everyone else on the team feels the same way. I feel pretty confident when I have linebackers like Rod Shoate and David Smith backing me up."

STEVE DAVIS, quarterback—"Sure, there's going to be a lot of pressure on me without Kerry Jackson being able to play. But I think I can get the job done. It helped me an awful lot last year being redshirted. Even though I didn't play, I was running the offense everyday. I think we're going to have a great running attack with guys like Grant Burget, Joe Washington and Tim Welch. The big improvement I need to make is studying defenses. I guess that comes with experience."

JOE WASHINGTON, halfback—"I'm looking forward to having a great year. I think our team is going to surprise a lot of people. I picked up a lot of valuable experience last year as a freshman. I picked up some things just watching Greg Pruitt run, too. Our line is going to come along. In the alumni game they opened up huge holes. I have a lot of confidence in them."

INITIALLY MOST OBSERVERS quietly confided that Dewey would never approach the "super-star" plateau of brothers Lucious and LeRoy, but Dewey was the surprise of the Spring, developing at a faster rate than Lucious at the same stage.

The prolific Selmon brothers give Oklahoma the most perhaps the best defensive

740 Pounds

LARRY LACEWELL REMEMBERS the day in December 1969 when he met Lucious Selmon. Lacewell, Oklahoma's defensive coordinator, saw a strapping specimen walking down the hall at Eufaula (Okla.) High School. Was that Selmon, Lacewell asked? Yes, he was told, but it was 16 year-old Dewey Selmon, a sophomore. Then a taller, broader specimen appeared. That, Lacewell was informed, was 15 year-old LeRoy Selmon, also a sophomore.

Lacewell recalls "I was watering at the mouth and could hardly wait" to lay eyes on the older brother who was the subject of the recruiting visit. But Lacewell was disappointed to discover Lucious, at 5-11 and 215, was the smallest of the three brothers.

An unsung fullback on an average team in a town of 2,000 population, Lucious Selmon was at best considered a "sleeper" in a fertile crop of Oklahoma schoolboys. Lacewell was the first recruiter to contact him. The routine visit did not impress Lacewell any more than the one game he saw Selmon play.

In subsequent weeks, Eddie Crowder took a fancy to Lucious, who in turn was impressed when he visited the Colorado campus. This prompted Lacewell to make another visit to Eufaula, at which time he became impressed by what he saw and heard of a black farm boy who milked cows and fed hogs at home every morning before going to his part-time job as a janitor at the junior high school; was a model student, and could run the 40-yard dash in 4.8 seconds and bench press 400 pounds.

All the while, Lacewell admits, "I never forgot about those big, younger brothers." Nevertheless, Lucious Selmon did not become a priority project for Lacewell. He had a more important assignment: Sign lineman-of-the-year Barry Price.

Price had publicly announced he would sign with OU. But the competition for his signature remained fierce. Lacewell planned to spend the final weekend before the Big Eight Conference signing date following Price. But Price "disappeared," Lacewell said, and eventually signed with Oklahoma State. Frustrated over losing Price, Lacewell wound up in Eufaula the night before signing date.

Because he did, Olahoma this year will have the most unique and probably the best defensive line in the Big Eight. It may prove to be the most uniquely efficient line in the history of college football.

If so, it will be because of that February night, three and one-half years ago, when Lacewell persuaded Lucious to sign a letter of intent with Oklahoma. This Led to OU signing LeRoy and Dewey in 1972. This year OU's defensive interior will be 740 pounds of Selmons. At left tackle will be sophomore Dewey, 245; at nose guard will be senior Lucious, 233, and at right tackle will be sophomore LeRoy, 262.

Michigan had its three All-America Wistert brothers, all tackles; but Francis, Albert and Alvin were never teammates. OU had the three Hott brothers in its 1912 line and they were outstanding; but Sabert, Oliver and Willis did not make All-America. OU also had the Burris brothers—Buddy, a guard, who was a three time All-America after World War II, and then linebacker Kurt and halfback Bobby, who were teammates in the fifties and made All-America and all-conference, respectively.

unique and line in the country. of S-S-S

By BILL CONNORS *Tulsa Daily World*

But, apparently, no school ever had a trio like the Selmons. That is, three brothers who starred as teammates.

Lucious is expected to be the Big Eight's and nation's best nose guard in 1973, now that Rich Glover's eligibility has expired. LeRoy is the best line prospect in OU history, his coaches believe. By the end of last season former OU line coach Jimmy Johnson admitted LeRoy "could do everything better than any lineman we had." At the time the linemen OU had were All-America tackle Derland Moore, Lucious Selmon and tackle Raymond Hamilton, whom some coaches thought was the Sooners' best lineman.

Dewey, who like Lucious never played in the line until he reached OU, bloomed beyond expectations in spring practice. Said Barry Switzer: "Dewey is the second best sophomore (line) prospect I've ever seen. The only sophomore I've ever seen who was better is LeRoy."

In a year when clouds of doubt hang over the Sooners, they take comfort in their defense, chiefly because of the remarkably quick and powerful giants who comprise the S-S-S interior.

LeRoy and Dewey are so inexperienced we should not take them for granted," Switzer said. "But we do. They look like they've been playing on this level for years. They don't even practice like sophomores."

Physically, the brothers are less similar. Lucious, 22, is the strongest. He is magnificently constructed, with Atlas shoulders and colossal biceps that require a size 52 coat, which must be altered extensively to fit over his 36-inch waist. The 6-2, bespectacled Dewey, 19, is the most aggressive. He has the thickest body and must guard against gaining weight. LeRoy is the youngest (18), the tallest (almost 6-3), has the most deceptive body ("The more clothes he takes off the bigger he looks," raved Steve Owens), and has the shortest sideburns.

All of the brothers are gentle, modest, church-going Baptists who were raised on a farm west of Eufaula by religious parents. Their manner is so quiet Lacewell wondered "if they would be aggressive enough to play." They are not "vicious players," he said, "but they are so quick and so strong they just shut down everything."

OU coaches shudder when they think how close they came to never enrolling the Selmons. Lucious was wary of OU. He had heard of a "black problem" at OU, and Crowder recruited him with VIP gusto. No head coach of an Oklahoma college ever contacted Lucious. But on the night before the Big Eight signing date Lacewell found Crowder in the Selmons' living room, 750 miles from Boulder. Even though he still had reservatons, Lacewell talked with the Selmons into the wee hours of the same night and the next morning Lucious signed with OU.

Within a month, however, Lucious signed a Missouri Valley Conference letter with Tulsa. "Like a lot of small town players," he said, "I wondered if I could make it at Oklahoma." Lacewell's persuasive powers prevailed again and Lucious signed a national letter with OU. "The thing that decided it," Lucious said, "was coach Lacewell's honesty. He told me I'd probably never play fullback."

Before Lucious ever played in a varsity game the Sooners almost lost him. In pre-season practice he failed to take his salt tablets and wound up hospitalized with high blood pressure. Upon

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LUCIOUS is expected to be the leading nose-guard in the nation now that Rich Glover has graduated.

OKLAHOMA ROSTER and

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Andarakes, Drake	OT	6-3	231	Jr	Burkburnett, Tx
Arnold, Jerry	OT	6-2	217	Jr	Putnam City, Ok
Baccus, Duane	DE	6-5	220	So	Brownfield, Tx
Baccus, Gary	DE	6-4	230	Sr	Brownfield, Tx
Baily, Gary	OG	6-1	215	So	Tulsa, Ok
Berg, Bob	FB	6-0	198	Jr	Wewoka, Ok
Birks, Mike	S	6-1	185	So	Tulsa, Ok
Bodin, Jeff	OT	6-3	216	So	Edmond, Ok
Brady, Barry	DT	6-1	224	So	Garland, Tx
Brecht, Marty	LB	6-2	206	So	Edmond, Ok
Briggs, Larry	HB	5-10	175	So	Vian, Ok
Buchanan, Dennis	OG	6-2	212	Jr	Oklahoma City, Ok
Burget, Grant	HB	6-1	193	Jr	Stroud, Ok
Carroll, John	TE	6-5	215	Sr	Norman, Ok
Cayce, Mike	DE	6-4	225	So	Seagraves, Tx
Comeaux, Glen	LB	6-1	210	So	Port Arthur, Tx
Coody, Reed	OG	6-3	235	So	Marlow, Ok
Crosswhite, Ken	HB	6-1	170	So	Hennessey, Ok
Davis, Kyle,	C	6-3	214	Jr	Altus, Ok
Davis, Steve	QB	5-10	186	So	Sallisaw, Ok
DiRienzo, Tony	K	5-11	175	So	Ardmore, Ok
Dodd, Steve,	DE	6-2	206	Sr	Lindsay, Ok
Dodds, Jim	OT	6-5	255	So	Albuquerque, NM
Duke, Larry	NG	6-1	215	So	Borger, Tx
Dutton, Dick	LB	6-1	205	So	Monahans, Tx
Dutton, Todd	OG	6-3	230	So	Boulder, Colo
Elrod, Jimbo	LB	6-1	200	So	Tulsa, Ok
Emel, Jeff	DT	6-3	225	So	Okla City JM, Ok
Foster, Eddie	OT	6-4	243	Sr	Monahans, Tx
Fulcher, Rick	X	6-1	196	Sr	Cupertino, Ca
Foster, Jerry	HB	6-0	185	So	Monahans,Tx
Gambrell, Rick	TE	6-4	203	So	Tulsa, Ok
Gibbs, Gary	LB	6-2	210	Jr	Houston, Tx
Gunter, Glenn	S	6-2	186	So	Houston, Tx.
Hagemann, Dan	QB	6-0	188	So	Redwood City, Ca
Hale, Joe	NG	6-2	213	So	Snyder, Tx
Harris, Steve	TE	5-11	203	So	Oklahoma City NW
Heap, Alan	OT	6-5	225	Sr	Tulsa, Ok
Hill, Scott	QB	6-1	195	Fr	Hurst, Tx
Hoffman, Wayne	DE	6-4	215	Jr	Spiro, Ok
Hughes, Randy	SS	6-3	194	Jr	Tulsa, Ok
Hulstein, Ken	DE	6-3	210	Sr	McCook, Ne
Hussey, Pat	CB	6-0	175	Jr	Edmond, Ok
Jenkinson, Steve	HB	5-11	177	So	Tulsa, Ok
Jones, Barry	FB	6-2	220	So	Farmersburg, Ind
Keeton, Durwood	WS	5-10	171	Sr	Bonham, Tx
Kemp, Jim	C	6-4	240	So	Hobbs, NM
Killion, Kirk	TE	6-4	213	Jr	Houston, Tx
Kulbeth, Ralph	DT	6-5	230	So	Marlow, Ok
Kunkle, Steve	LB	5-10	195	So	Hurst, Tx
Laughry, Bobby	WS	5-10	184	So	Dumas, Tx
Littrell, Jim	FB	5-11	190	So	Muskogee, Ok
Lorenz, Bobby	LB	6-1	180	So	Clinton, Ok
Ludwig, Steve	DE	6-1	196	So	Galena Park, Tx
Lund, Craig	TE	6-6	235	So	Richardson, Tx
Lundquist, Mark	DT	6-2	234	Jr	Pryor, Ok
Mabry, Jeff	QB	6-0	175	So	Enid, Ok
McClearin, Tim	DT	6-4	2j6	So	Plano, Tx
McBroom, Larry	QB	5-9	165	So	Ada, Ok
McCloud, Marc	OG	6-2	220	So	Tulsa, Ok
McClure, Danny	FB	5-11	200	So	Elk City, Ok
McLaughlin, Ed	C	6-3	230	Jr	Westminister, Ca
McLaughlin, John	OG	6-1	224	Sr	Westminister, Ca
Mehan, Tim	HB	6-0	175	So	Redwood City, Ca
Mildren, Richard	SS	5-10	183	Jr	Abilene, Tx
Morton, Don	LB	6-2	220	So	Des Moines, Ia
Owens, Tinker	SE	6-0	170	So	Miami, Ok
Pearson, Doug	SE	6-1	170	So	Pryor, Ok
Peters, Anthony	CB	6-3	185	Jr	Pauls Valley, Ok
Perkey, Jerry	Dt	5-11	223	Sr	Hobart, Ok
Pope, Kenith	CB	6-0	205	Sr	Galveston, Tx
Powers, Clyde	CB	6-0	193	Sr	Lawton, Ok
Roush, John	OG	5-11	235	Jr	Arvada, Colo
Riley, Sidney	C	6-2	224	Jr	Henderson, Tx
Russell, Kleyn	FB	6-1	205	Jr	Shawnee, Ok
Selmon, Dewey	DT	6-2	240	So	Eufaula, Ok
Selmon, LeRoy	DT	6-3	255	So	Eufaula, Ok
Selmon, Lucious	NG	5-11	224	Sr	Eufaula, Ok
Shoate, Rod	LB	6-2	209	Jr	Spiro, Ok
Simmers, Marcus	HB	5-11	195	So	Amarillo, Tx
Simon, E.N.	CB	5-10	184	So	Clinton, Ok
Smith, David	LB	6-3	231	Sr	Houston, Tx
Steward, Robert L	HB	5-11	195	So	Forrest City, Ark
Stokes, Ricky	DE	6-0	195	Sr	Brownwood, Tx
Sutton, Tony	CB	5-11	173	So	Tulsa, Ok
Struck, Mike	DE	6-2	219	sr	Clinton, Ok
Tate, Larry	NG	6-0	219	Jr	Garland, Tx
Taylor, Jim	OT	6-4	224	Jr	Walters, Ok
Thomas, Jamie	LB	6-0	208	So	Ada, Ok
VanCamp, Eric	HB	6-1	175	So	Muskegon, Mi
Vaughn, Mike	OT	6-6	280	So	Ada, Ok
Vincent, Don	NG	6-2	225	Jr	Ada, Ok
Vorpahl, Gary	QB	6-2	185	So	Duncan, Ok
Washington, Joe	HB	5-10	170	So	Port Arthur, Tx
Waters, Bill	DE	6-3	255	So	Carlsbad, NM
Waters, Ron	SS	6-0	195	Jr	Oklahoma,City,Ok
Webb, Jeff	SE	5-9	150	So	Dallas, Tx
Webb, Terry	OG	6-0	223	So	Muskogee, Ok
Weibert, Gary	OG	6-1	220	So	Limon, Colo
Welch, Tim	FB	5-11	189	Sr	Bowie, Tx
Whitaker, Joe	OG	6-2	240	Jr	Throckmorton, Tx
White, Brad	OT	6-2	225	Jr	Rush Springs, Ok
Wright, Lonnie	OT	6-2	235	So	Choctaw, Ok
Young, Gary	FB	5-10	171	Jr	Clinton, Ok

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

Grant Burget
(6-2, 196 Jr)
Gary Young
(5-11, 187 Jr)
Clyde Russell
(5-9, 195 Jr)

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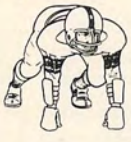

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Freshman Harvest

Sooners land five on the All Big Eight Freshman team.

AL ESCHBACH *Oklahoma Journal*

WHEN BARRY SWITZER TOOK OVER the coaching reins from Chuck Fairbanks in early February, he knew he had some mighty big shoes to fill. He was following an act that turned out to be one of the greatest recruiting performances ever in Norman.

Chuck Fairbanks developed the tag of "super recruiter". He continually raided Texas for its best talent and combined it mostly with players from Oklahoma and Colorado to return the Sooners to the national prominence they enjoyed under Bud Wilkinson.

Switzer didn't get a good chance to start quick in the 1973 recruiting war as Fairbanks resigned just before the first shots were fired. But still, the new Sooner coach showed that he was ready to take up just where Fairbanks left off.

"I think we have put together an outstanding group of recruits," sums up Switzer. "I think we have some outstanding backs coming in and also have some very impressive linebackers."

Of course, the main stomping ground was Texas. The Sooners may have made the biggest steal in the Lone Star State when they swept into Darrell Royal's home of Austin and inked Obie Moore, a 6-0, 207-pound linebacker who runs the 40 in 4.8. I think the people at Texas took me for granted. They thought because I went to high school in Austin that I would go to school at Texas," said Moore. "I made a lot of people in Texas unhappy.

And just like in the past years when the Sooners got a premier running back from the state, ala Greg Pruitt, Joe Wylie and Joe Washington, the Oklahoma coaches think they have a real blue-chipper in Richard McCampbell of Pampa.

McCampbell is a 6-0, 180-pounder who runs the 40 in 4.5 and has been clocked in the 100 at 9.6.

"Richard could run the 100 in 9.6 backwards," exclaimed Pettibone. "He should be a great one. He has all the moves to go along with that speed. He was one of the top backs in Texas." Switzer had to fly to Pampa the date of the signings to wrestle McCampbell away from the Texas A&M coaches who were stationed at his home.

Three other Texas products the Sooners are very high on are linebacker Russell Williamson of Dallas Skyline High School, Anthony Bryant of Port Arthur and end Roger Owens of Mesquite. Owens is 5-11, 197 and travels the 40 in 4.6 and the 100 in 9.8. Williamson, one of the most touted linebackers in the state, is 6-4, 195 and runs the 40 in 4.7. Bryant, a muscular 6-3, 230 pound tackle, runs 5.0.

Once again the Sooners made a productive haul in Colorado as it snared the top back from the state along with the No. 1 linebacker.

OU inked Doug Simcik, the leading scorer in Colorado the past two seasons. Simcik, a bull-dozing 6-0, 185-pound fullback and does the 40 in 4.6, rushed for over 2,000 yards this season and scored over 300 points.

The Northglenn product had narrowed his decision down to Nebraska, Texas and Oklahoma, before inking with OU.

"This kid has it all," says Pettibone. "He has great balance and can knock over people. We think he can be an outstanding fullback in the wishbone."

The Sooners are also drooling over highly-sought-after Jeff Cox, a 6-0, 200-pounder. OU thinks Cox, who runs the 40 in 4.7, could also help at defensive end.

Back in the home state of Oklahoma, the Sooners got just about what they wanted. The biggest catch may have been Chez Evans, a 6-2, 270-pound tackle from Seminole with 5.2 speed in the 40.

"Chez has unlimited ability," says Switzer. "He has great quickness for a player of his size. "We think that he can really be a great player."

In late April, the Sooners finally landed quarterback Joe McReynolds of Purcell. McReynolds, who ran and passed for over 1,000 yards during the 1972 season, is tailor-made for the wishbone. The 6-2, 185-pounder can run the 40 in 4.7. The Sooners inked him after a tough battle with Texas A&M.

One other homegrown product the Sooners are high on is David James, a 5-11, 170-pound halfback from Pauls Valley. The thing that excited coaches about James is his 9.6 time in the 100. The Sooners signed only 12 from Oklahoma.

Oklahoma managed to get one prize from the east coast when it signed Victor Brown, a 6-4, 200-pound linebacker from Newark, N.J.

"We were contacted about Victor by his coach. He had asked the Nebraska coaches not to talk with him until he had finished with basketball season. But they talked with him anyway," said Pettibone. "So the coach called us up and said he wanted Victor to go to some place where he could beat Nebraska. He thought we had the best chance. Once we saw the films of Victor we knew he was something else. He runs the 40 in 4.9."

The Sooners also did quite a bit of shopping in Louisiana this year as they made the most of their Sugar Bowl trip, and signed five prospects from the state.

The two most noticeable may be defensive back Jerry Reese and fullback Randy Hendricks.

Reese is a 6-3, 195-pounder with 4.6 speed in the 40. He can also play split end. Hendricks stands 6-2 and weighs 195. He also can cover the 40 in 4.6.

OU also dipped deep into the junior college ranks this year and came up with a bumper crop. The two that figure to help the most during the upcoming season are two-time All-American running back Clyde Russell of Garden City, Kan. JC and receiver Billy Brooks of Navarro, Tex. JC.

"I don't know how much the freshmen can help us this year," says Switzer. "But we feel that they may be able to help us in the backfield the most. We're looking for people like Richard McCampbell to give us a boost."

The New Commanders

Jim Stanley
Head Coach
Oklahoma State University

Barry Switzer
Head Coach
University of Oklahoma

Assuming control of the University of Oklahoma's football program for the first time early in 1973 was 35-year-old Barry Switzer. Coach Switzer had served as Chuck Fairbank's assistant head coach for three seasons and as offensive co-ordinator the last six. In 1972, Switzer's offensive forces led the nation in rushing (472.4 yards per game), total offense (566.5) and scoring (44.9 points average), finishing first in rushing and second in total offense. Conference-wise, Switzer-taught offenses came out first in 1967, '71 and '72! Guiding the Cowboys at Oklahoma State University for the first time in 1973 will be 39-year-old Jim Stanley, former assistant head coach and defensive co-ordinator under Dave Smith. Coach Stanley carries impressive coaching credentials from SMU (assistant line coach); University of Texas at El Paso (assistant coach); a stint at OSU as assistant coach and defensive co-ordinator at the U.S. Naval Academy and defensive coach for the Professional Winnipeg (Canada) Blue Bombers. This promises to be a season of football surprises under the new commanders both at Oklahoma University and Oklahoma State University. To both teams: go get 'em . . . and good luck from

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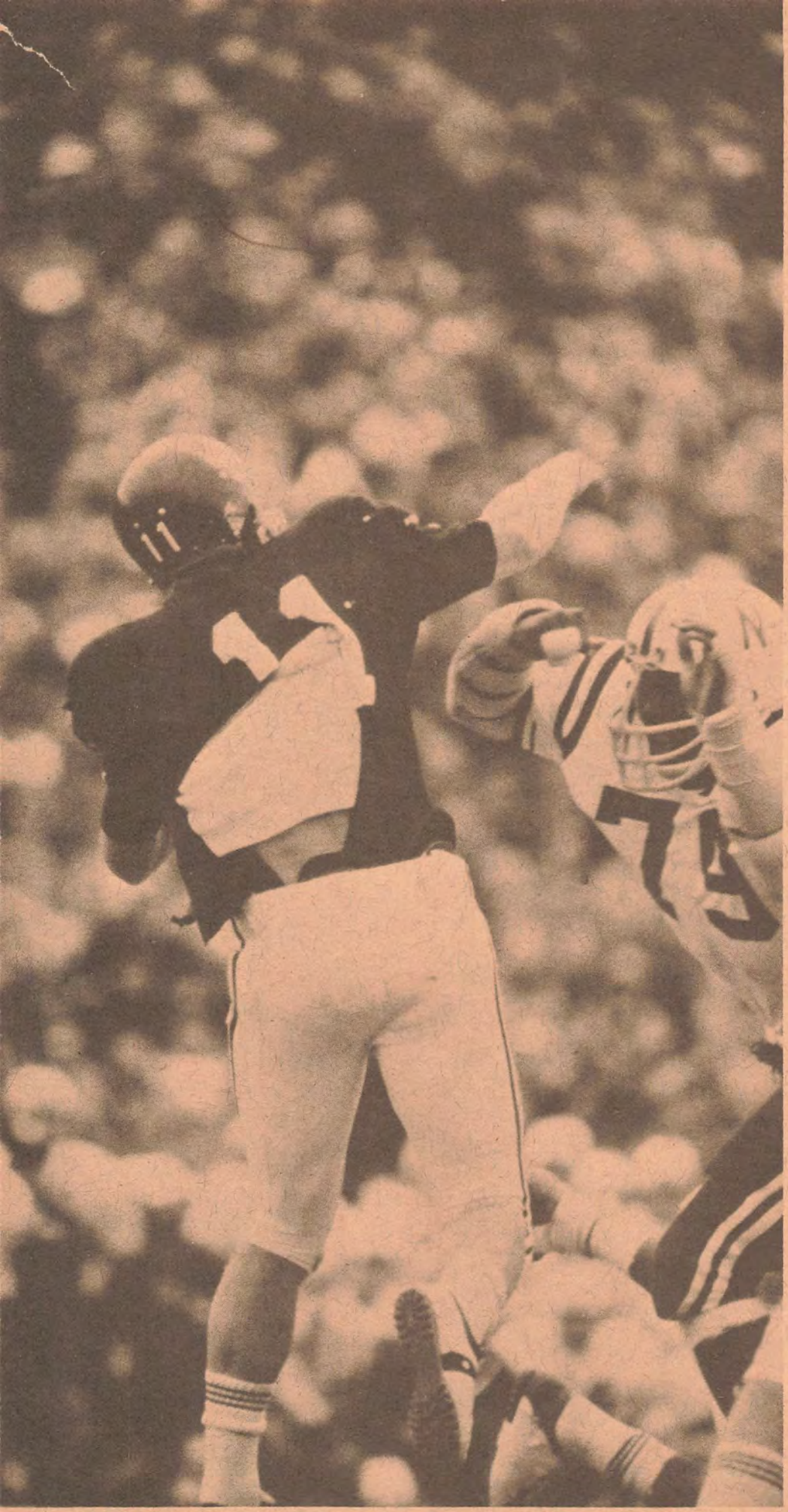

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The Cornhuskers rate Atop Big artistic offense

By BILL CONNORS

AS THE CALENDARS AND EVENTS COME AND GO. the winning quarterbacks of the 1971 and 1972 Nebraska-Oklahoma shootouts may alter their perspectives of those Thanksgiving Day titanics. But until new super powers emerge and meet, Shootouts I and II will be considered distinctive games that rank at the top of the Big Eight Conference's high-rise mantel. Shootout I may have been the Mona Lisa of all showdowns, according to no less an observer than R.N. Nixon.

In a consoling telephone call to Chuck Fairbanks following Nebraska's 35-31 victory at Norman two years ago, the President opined it was the first No. 1 vs. No. 2 confrontation that lived up to its ballyhoo. It had everything, Mr. Nixon said.

Seemingly it did. A storybook buildup for six weeks, as Oklahoma moved to second in the polls to challenge the defending national champion and No. 1 ranked Cornhuskers. . . .The most prolific offense in history (Oklahoma's Wishbone) pitted against a nation-leading defense whose starters had given a bulletproof look by permitting only three touchdowns in 10 games.

On Nov. 25, at cool and windy Norman, these forces of inordinate talent collided before a record OU crowd of 63,385, plus a national television audience. And who can forget how incredibly well they performed! There were no penalties, untold thrills and the lead changed hands four times before the three-point favored Cornhuskers won by four, despite being out-yarded, 467-362.

Who will forget Jack Mildren total offensing Nebraska's army of superstars to the brink of defeat for more than 58 minutes, with 267 yards (137 passing, 130 rushing), two touchdowns by running, two by passing....Johnny

BIG SHOOTOUT

35-31 victory in 1971 and the Sooners' 17-14 conquest in 1972 Eight's all-time mantel of big games. Both were classics—one for and two for primitive defense. Instant replay

Sports Editor, Tulsa World

Rodgers getting the game off to a dazzling start with a 72-yard punt return touchdown, then making a diving reception of a third down pass for the biggest play in the Cornhuskers' majestic drive for the winning touchdown...I-back Jeff Kinney rushing for 171 yards and scoring four TDs...Tagge illegally cool...Outland Trophy winner Larry Jacobson as good as advertised but not as good as teammate Rich Glover...The poignant sight of OU linebacker Mark Driscoll crying and pounding his fist against the Tartan Turf as Nebraska ran out the clock.....

The national stakes for Shootout II at Lincoln last Nov. 23 never materialized. UCLA removed the glitter on opening night by upsetting Nebraska. Colorado ambushed Oklahoma and Iowa State tied Nebraska. Shootout II was for the conference championship, and it was retiring Bob Devaney's final home game. A record Nebraska crowd of 76,587 was there, on a clear but raw day, plus another national television audience. But there was no national championship issue. OU was No. 4 and Greg Pruitt was crippled. Nebraska was No. 5 and favored by eight points.

However, haunting memories of Shootout I, and the improbable comeback made OU's 17-14 victory in Shootout II rank among the brightest chapters in the Sooner's storied history. It was savored by a team comprised of essentially the same players who lost 52 weeks previously. Revenge was sweetest to Derland Moore and Raymond Hamilton, the wounded defenders of Shootout I, and Tom Brahaney, the maligned victim of Glover's epic performance at Norman.

The games were opposites in style. Shootout I was artistic, an offensive spectacular. Shootout II was a primitive, helmet-busting affair, dominated by defense. For Shootout I, Nebraska flew its own food to Oklahoma. The day before Shootout II, Nebraska players helped themselves to platters of barbecued ribs intended for Devaney's staff.

What the games did have in common, however, was this: The all-purpose and best-prepared team won both times. Oklahoma lost Shootout I because it could not defend. Nebraska lost Shootout II because it could not run.

Oklahoma had to change its offensive plans in Shootout I and adjusted beautifully. The adjustments its with-

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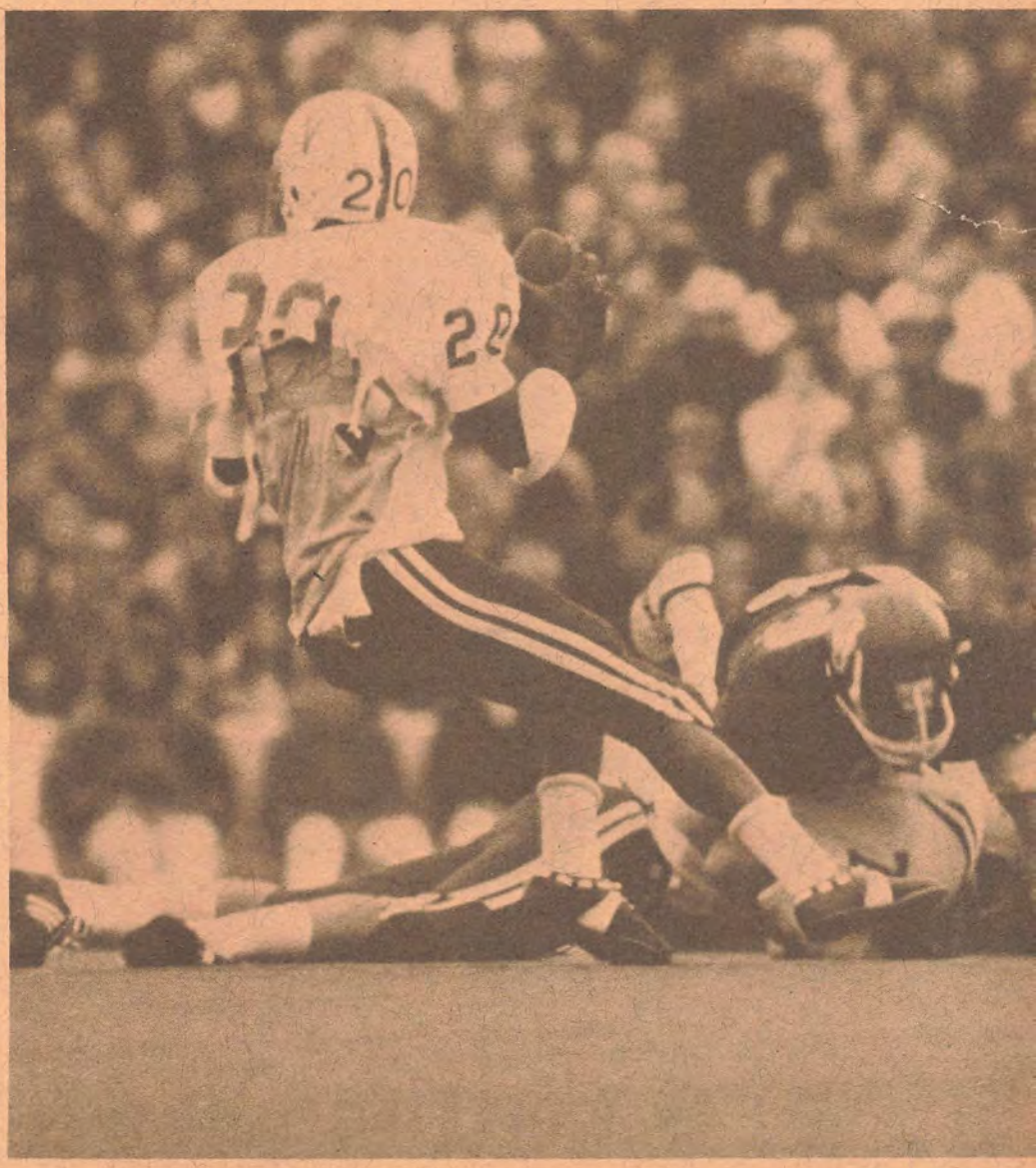

SMOTHERED AND PUNISHED by the relentless Sooner defense, Rodgers wound up with two cracked ribs and only 48 yards. His only electrifying play was nullified by a penalty. Nevertheless, he was the most exciting figure to play in both games.

PRUITT LEFT the game after only two running plays, thus assuring Rodgers the Heisman he was expected to win anyway.

OU underestimated Glover in '71; Nebraska overlooked Owens in '72.

ered defense attempted were of no help. Nebraska was so superbly prepared for Shootout I that adjustments were not required. But the Cornhuskers' run-conscious defense never looked secure against OU's split ends, in either game, and they seemed to give up on their running attack too soon in Shootout II.

Both teams miscalculated. OU coaches, noting nose guards were usually insignificant against the Wishbone, studied Glover's average of eight tackles per game and concluded he would make no more than five tackles and be no problem playing opposite All-America Brahaney. But Glover made 22 tackles and destroyed OU's basic inside attack.

Nebraska assumed Pruitt, who suffered an ankle injury five days earlier at Kansas after regaining his harvest form of 1971, would play in Shootout II and that OU would with normal frequency. The Cornhuskers realigned their secondary, as they did for every Wishbone opponent. This meant moving cornerback Zaven Yaralian into the starting lineup. Nebraska's secondary had more speed but less size and less tackling strength than in 1971. With five Wishbone teams on the schedule, Devaney's staff recruited the 109-pound Yaralian out of junior college to start only against Wishbone teams.

But on a day for defensive heroes, Yaralian was done in by a freshman reserve split end whom Nebraska overlooked, despite Tinker Owens' pedigree (brother Steve won the 1969 Heisman Trophy and uniform number Mildern's 11). Owens keyed OU's comeback from an 0-14 deficit by catching five passes for 108 yards, much of which were harvested at the expense of the bewildered Yaralian.

Shootout II was not a fitting valedictory for Johnny Rodgers. His only electrifying play was nullified by penalty. He was smothered and punished by relentless attention and wound up with two cracked ribs and only 48 yards.

Nevertheless, Rodgers was the most exciting figure to play in both games. His punt return was the difference in Shootout I. Each team scored four times with its offense and once with its kicking. Oklahoma got a field goal; Nebraska got Rodgers' punt return.

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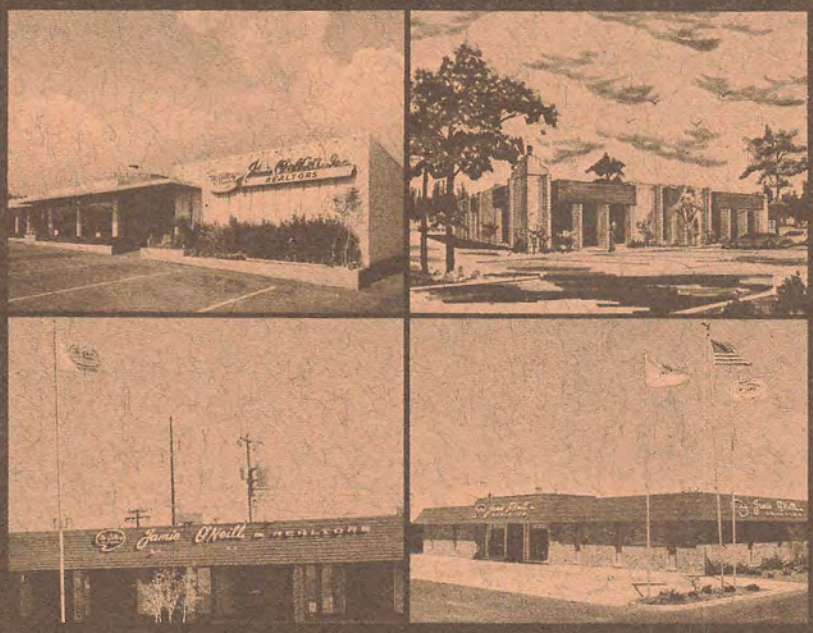

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RODGERS SHATTERED THE SOONER'S confidence with a classic "home run" the first time he touched the ball. Pruitt dove for his archrival at the 28, but all he found was Tartan Turf.

At the 45, end John Adkins (57) provided the touch-down clinching block on Joe Wiley (22), which Fairbanks and Wylie instantly called a clip. Photographs strengthened their claim.

Rodgers' 72 yard return negated the Sooners' pre-game strategy.

The latter was the one thing OU did not expect Rodgers to do. The Sooners had so much confidence in their kick coverage they feared Rodgers more as a receiver than as a kick returner. Rodgers shattered this confidence with a classic run the first time he touched the ball. Joe Wylie's punt was high and the coverage was excellent. Pruitt was the first player downfield. But as Pruitt dove for Rodgers at the 28 all he found was Tartan Turf, and the other red-shirted bodies began to fall, slip and stumble as if they were chasing a ghost. At the Nebraska 45 Rodgers seemed about to be tackled by Wylie when end John Adkins provided the touchdown-clinching assistance by grounding Wylie with what Fairbanks and Wylie instantly called a clip. Photographs strengthened their claim.

Although this was the only time Rodgers hurt OU with a kick return, the play set a pattern that negated OU's strategy. To win, everyone agreed, Oklahoma had to (1) stop Rodgers' kick returns, (2) establish an inside running attack, and (3) make big plays on defense.

With only 3:32 gone, OU had failed on point one and it would ultimately fail on points two and three. Nebraska's defensive ends, backs and linebackers were so quick OU knew it could never get Pruitt outside without first establishing inside effectiveness. But Glover and Jacobson would not permit it.

Glover was "super quick and shut us down inside," Barry Switzer said. Brahaney could block Glover, but the latter did not stay blocked and invariably made the tackle or forced OU to improvise—or both. ABC-tv's instant replay cameras spotlighted Glover's Wishbone-breaking act, but without showing what films would confirm and Glover would say—that Brahaney was playing commendably. Actually, the man-handling job was being done by Jacobson. Collectively, they comprised an awesome interior. And, on Nebraska's right flank, where Pruitt preferred to make his sweeps, was All-America end Willie Harper, who was as fast as Pruitt. So, scratch point two of OU's strategy.

Point three was a total failure. Of the five times Nebraska penetrated OU's 40, the Huskers scored four touchdowns. The one time they did not score their only fumble stopped them; OU never got those big defensive plays, and could not keep the slashing Kinney out of the end zone. OU's fumbles, a suspected liability, were more harmful to its offense than to the defense.

Thus, the Sooners failed at the three things they had to do. This did not leave them much. But the resourceful Mildren was almost enough. From the moment Nebraska led, 14-3, through OU's 31-28 lead, Mildren performed in a manner that prompted Bear Bryant to think "Pat Sullivan and the Auburn folks ought to be thankful the Heisman votes were in."

Mildren was a workhorse runner. He finessed and powered his way through the tiny cracks in Nebraska's fortress. The Huskers' marvelously quick pur-

OLD NUMBER 11 (Jack Mildren) was some kind of tough and almost single-handedly kept the Sooners in Shootout I with his running and passing.

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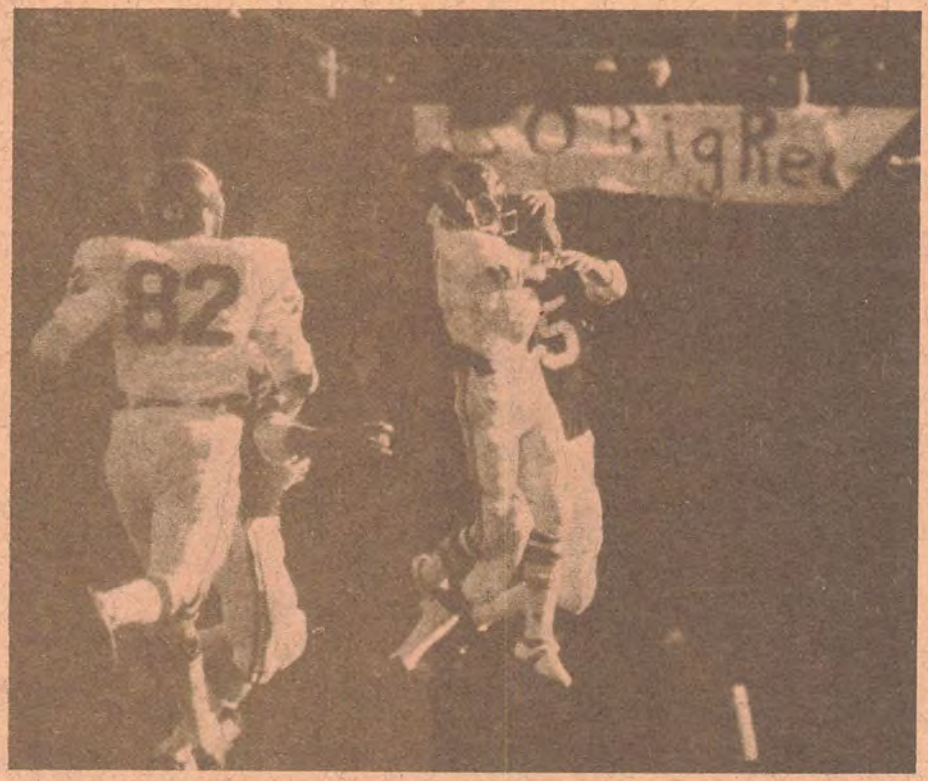
"I didn't think any human could carry the ball 30 times against us."

suit never allowed Mildren to make a run of more than seven yards. But he rarely made less than five. Gang-tackling did not phase him, to Nebraska's surprise.

Defensive end coach Jim Walden admitted, "We did not under estimate Mildren's ability; we knew he could throw. But I didn't think any human could carry the ball 30 times against us and stay on the field. But old big 11 was some kind of tough, and some kind of runner."

Old big 11, the suspect passer, was also some kind of passer in the most unlikely situations. With the wind behind him in the first quarter, Mildren passed poorly. But in the second and fourth quarters, facing the wind and defeat, he might as well have been Johnny Unitas and Jon Harrison could have been Raymond Berry, as far as Nebraska and Bill Kosch were concerned.



SHOOTOUT II WAS A DAY for defensive heroes, but Zaren Yaralian was done in by a freshman split end named Tinker Owens (11), who keyed OU's comeback by catching five passes for 108 yards.

BEHIND 31-28 WITH 7:10 to go, Tagge (14) calmly led the Huskers to paydirt. This third and nine pass to Rodgers was the key.

The Wishbone was supposed to be a handicap in come-from behind situations. Yet, there was Mildren rallying his team and unraveling the best amateur defense in the universe. When Nebraska led, 14-3, Mildren ran for most of an 80-yard drive, and scored from the six, to make it 14-10. OU was 67 yards from the goal line with 22 seconds left in the first half, time for two plays. Mildren used them by hitting Harrison, his 5-8 pal and batterymate since schoolboy days at Abilene, Tex., for a 43-yard gain and a 24-yard touchdown pass, to beat the clock by five seconds. Kosch, twice an all conference safety who was covering Harrison man-to-man, was the victim of both plays. Suddenly, OU had a 17-14 lead and momentum.

A fumble by Mildren at Nebraska's 31 in the third quarter braked the momentum and enabled the Huskers to regain the lead, 21-17. Five minutes and a 61-yard drive later Nebraska led, 28-17. By then the Cornhuskers had convincingly proven their physical superiority in both lines and shackled Pruitt.

But Mildren and Harrison co-authored another counterattack. Harrison passed, from a fake end-around run, for 51 yards to tight end Albert Chandler, and Mildren scored from the three with 28 seconds left in the third quarter to shave the margin to 28-24. Tagge's fumble—Nebraska's only turnover—at the Sooner 32 set the stage for a 68-yard drive which Mildren climaxed from the 17 with a fourth and six touchdown pass to Harrison, who again eluded Kosch. John Carroll's seventh point gave OU a 31-28 lead with 7:10 to go.

Tagge then calmly drove Nebraska 74 yards in 12 plays, using 5:32. Only twice was there a hint the Cornhuskers would not succeed. On third and nine at NU's 46, Tagge scrambled away from the limping Hamilton and hit Rodgers, who made a diving reception for an 11-yard gain and a first down at Oklahoma's 43. OU's only other trickle of hope came when Lucious Selmon and the partisan crowd thought Kinney lost a fumble at the two. Some OU assistant coaches agreed the official was correct in ruling no fumble. Kinney's touchdown from the two and Rich Sanger's kick made it 35-31 with only 1:38 remaining.

Mildren gave Nebraska an awful scare on the first play following the kickoff. He went for the bomb and Harrison was behind Kosch at midfield. But the ball was slightly out of reach. Then Jacobson threw Mildren for an eight-yard loss and Glover batted down a fourth down pass. Shootout I was over.

Shootout II paled in comparison. Most of the same players were back, but their teams had changed. In Mildren's place was Dave Robertson, whose slowness eliminated much of the '71 lightening. In Tagge's place was left-handed passer David Humm, gifted but venturesome. In Kinney's place, AHHH...that was the difference. Nebraska did not have a superior runner and had become an imbalanced team. This dependence on passing prompted Bud Wilkinson to pick Oklahoma to win, with or without Pruitt. But without Pruitt, most observers wondered if OU would suffer its first shutout in six years.

As it turned out, turnovers may have saved both teams from being shut out. The defenses were that dominating. Pruitt started but left after two running plays, thus assuring Rodgers the Heisman he was expected to win, anyway.

Pope's fumble of a punt enabled Nebraska to go 49 yards for a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. In the second quarter Pope rode Rodgers out of bounds before the lean operative caught Humm's pass and faked safety Dan Ruster off his feet to score an apparent 43-yard touchdown. But it was disallowed, because Rodgers had been out of bounds prior to the reception. Devaney and Rodgers protested the call.

That was the last heard from Rodgers until his dressing room complaints about not getting the ball often enough. He was twice shaken up by rattling tackles by cornerback Larry Roach and linebacker Rodney Shoate, Ruster took an interception away from him and Wylie's punts prevented returns. But for much of the afternoon it did not appear Nebraska would miss Rodgers' usual harvest. Split end John Carroll, key figure in OU's passing plans, was disabled and though Owens could get open, Robertson overthrew him to seemingly eliminate the only method of scoring. In the third quarter Wylie fumbled a punt at OU's 24 and Nebraska turned it into a 14-0 lead. There were 22 minutes left and OU had not made a first down in its four preceding possessions. The game was over, right?

Wrong. The Sooners went 76 yards in 11 plays for a touchdown. Robertson completed three of five passes for 67 of the yards—38 and 13 to Owens and 16

SHOULDERING A 35-31 VICTORY over the Sooners in Shootout I, the Huskers triumphantly carried Devaney and the National Championship to the dressing room.

THIS PASS FROM ROBERTSON TO CHANDLER(82) came on third and 14, and psychologically was the turning point of Shootout II.

THE THREE-MAN RUSH of Moore, Selmon and Hamilton blitzed Humm, and eventually led to the telltale turnover, when Moore(97) separated Humm from the ball and Hamilton(96) recovered.

"I'm disappointed, but of the two games, I'd rather have won the one we won."

to Chandler. The pass to Chandler came on third and 14 from Nebraska's 42. Psychologically, this was where the game turned. This was where Tom Brahaney got his revenge.

Brahaney pass-protected solo against Glover in textbook fashion. On the next play, he blocked Glover flat on the AstroTurf, without the doubleteam help he often had, and fullback Leon Crosswhite (who gained 95 yards on 29 carries) blasted six yards up Glover alley.

Brahaney, a worldly Texan from affluent parents, had handled the embarrassment of Glover's Shootout I performance with grace. He spent part of the summer in Europe. "But," he admitted, "wherever I went I never forgot Glover or Nebraska. I don't think any of us ever had a conversation about football that didn't come down to Nebraska. Glover is the best there is and I like him. But, oh God, I wanted to beat him." In those back-to-back plays, Brahaney finally felt vindicated. He remembers seeing Glover sprawled on the turf and hoping "TV is showing this."

From then on Oklahoma's domination was compelling. Joe Washington, a freshman who beat out Wylie, scored on fourth and one with 2:15 left in the third quarter. Nebraska, its offense paralyzed, punted from its 11 and Wylie returned 11 to the 36. Robertson passed 15 yards to Owens, then the frustrated Yaralian interfered with Owens at the one. Grant Burget, Pruitt's replacement, scored and with 11:45 remaining it was 14-14.

By then it was obvious Nebraska had no confidence in its running, and the three-man rush of Moore, Selmon and Hamilton blitzed Humm accordingly. Moore separated Humm from the ball and Hamilton recovered at Nebraska's 27 for the telltale turnover. Four plays later Rick Fulcher kicked a 41-yard field goal for a 17-14 lead with 8:44 left.

There was time for Nebraska to repeat its comeback of Shootout I. But this was not the same Nebraska offense. It was pretty much the same Oklahoma defense, but not the same Moore and Hamilton; this time they were fit. Together with Selmon they harrassed Humm into hurried passes, and Pope made his first and second interceptions of the season to insure the delicious conquest. As in Shootout I, thoroughness (Oklahoma outyarded Nebraska, 327-181) and preparation prevailed.

"I spent all week studying Carroll's moves and I was ready for him," Yaralian said. "But I never watched a reel of film on Owens. We never considered that he would play."

Devaney admitted, "I was surprised Oklahoma handled us in the lines the way they did. I'm disappointed, but of the two games I'd rather have won the one we won. That (Shootout I) was a great game. But I guess this was, too. I don't expect anybody will forget them for awhile.

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By BILL CONNORS
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COLLECTIVELY, OKLAHOMA AND OKLAHOMA STATE have played football 144 years and had 32 head coaches (16 each). Until 1973, they never had new coaches in the same year.

The odds against this unprecedented development were not, however, as great as those against the Rookie pair of Barry Switzer and Jim Stanley ever becoming head coaches at OU and O-State, respectively.

Each was elevated from assistant head coach when his predecessor departed for greener (green as in money) pastures: Stanley in mid-December when Dave Smith switched to Southern Methodist, and Switzer six weeks later when Chuck Fairbanks accepted an opportunity to become a millionaire with the professional New England Patriots.

The promotions of Switzer, 35, and Stanley, 39, were considered popular and proper by insiders. Yet, a few years ago OU and OSU appeared the least likely of schools to hire Switzer and Stanley.

In 1970, Switzer was reconciled to the probability of OU firing Fairbanks' entire staff. In 1968, Stanley was caught in the washout of Phil Cutchin's staff at OSU. The bitter circumstances of his exit made it exceedingly doubtful to Stanley that he would ever return to Stillwater for employment.

It is a credit to both men that by the end of the 1972 season each was the only coach considered for the vacancy at his school. By then, success and circumstance had considerably improved the status of Switzer and Stanley.

The emergence of Switzer as one of the most attractive head coaching prospects among the ranks of assistants—in December he was awfully close to being named head coach at Michigan State— began in those bleak days of 1970. That was Switzer's first year as assistant head coach and his fourth as offensive coordinator. That was when his perseverance and faith in the Wishbone offense and quarterback Jack Mildren set the stage for subsequent rewards.

The low point for Switzer in 1970 was a mid-season loss at Norman to Kansas State. It was the third defeat in four weeks (following a November collapse in '69 that made for a souring 6-4 record) for the Sooners, who had gambled on Switzer's suggestion and switched to the Wishbone during an open date.

As the new offense sputtered, Switzer was criticized because of his insistence on retaining Mildren as the No. 1 quarterback. The night of the K-State loss Switzer displayed considerable restraint as he responded to irate telephone callers who were certain the program and the staff were doomed unless Mildren was replaced.

But out of those ashes came a team that would lose only three of its next 30 games. Along the way, OU's Wishbone became the most prolific offense in college history, the boos for Mildren turned to bouquets and Switzer was kept busy deciding which coaching clinic requests to accept.

Stanley had to leave Oklahoma State and return under intriguing conditions to wind up in a position comparable to Switzer's. Upon the firing of Cutchin's staff, Stanley landed at the U.S. Naval Academy for two years as defensive coordinator and in 1971 went to the professional Winnipeg Blue Bombers in a similar capacity. Winnipeg's offensive coordinator was Dave Smith.

Smith was hired by OSU as an assistant in January of 1972 with the promise of becoming head coach. Before his elevation was made official, Smith persuaded Stanley to

A new dynasty

BARRY SWITZER, Oklahoma

return to OSU as defensive coordinator. Smith's first act upon being officially named head coach in May of that same year was to give Stanley the title of assistant head coach.

The resulting 6-5 record (OSU's first winning season in 13 years) and tie for third place in the Big Eight Conference catapulted Stanley into an enviable position when Smith surprised and angered OSU officials by accepting an offer to become coach and athletic director at SMU.

Stanley's association with the Cowboys' 1972 success was all OSU officials needed to cement their recommendation of Stanley to be head coach. As an assistant during the Cutchin regime, Stanley was highly respected by OSU's administrative Lords as a citizen-coach.

Besides the turnabout circumstances that led to their appointments, Stanley and Switzer have much in common. They have four-year contracts and are products of prestigious programs and conservative backgrounds.

But each is a now-generation coach. They consider themselves as disciplinarians but not taskmasters, and don't believe "in a lot of rules." Personally, they prefer short hair, but have adopted lax attitudes about player's hair. Length won't bother them, they say, "as long as it is neat."

Philosophically, they are like twins. The are passionate advocates of sound, balanced programs which emphasize defense, kicking and run-orientated offenses. They think speed is paramount.

Their personalities, though, are poles apart, and their apprenticeships were spent on opposite ends of the field. Stanley's background is defense, Switzer's is offense. Switzer is outgoing and glib; Stanley is reserved.

This is in keeping with their football backgrounds. Switzer played and began his coaching career under Frank Broyles at Arkansas. Broyles thrust the spotlight on his assistants and encouraged them to gain exposure. When the late Jim Mackenzie left Broyles' staff in 1966 to become head coach at OU, taking Switzer with him, he instituted a similar policy. It continued under Fairbanks. Consequently, Switzer was an oft-quoted, much seen widely-discussed aide.

In contrast, Stanley played under Bear Bryant at Texas A&M and spent six years of his apprenticehsip in Cutchin's Bryant type program, where assistants received scant exposure. Stanley, who is fiercely loyal and unassuming, was compatible with this restrictive arrangement.

But Stanley does not endorse the Spartanism credo he learned from Bryant and Cutchin. He will, he insists, be "my own man." That means continuing essentially the same program Smith inaugurated. He will keep the Wishbone.

So will Switzer, of course. The Wishbone was the making of Switzer in a career which he admits "probably spoiled me to success." It was confined to Arkansas and OU.

A native of Crossett, Ark., Switzer was the center and captain of Broyles' first (1959) Southwest Conference championship team at Arkansas. From 1960 through '63 Switzer was a "B" team and freshman coach at Arkansas, during which time the Razorbacks won two SWC titles and went to three bowls. In 1964-65, Switzer was offensive end coach on varsities that won a national championship and 22 straight games.

In six of his seven seasons at OU Switzer was the architect of offenses that broke storied records and three times

carried OU to No. 2 national ratings. Had he not been so accustomed to super success, Switzer admits he probably would not have declined a head coaching offer by Iowa State in 1968, and discouraged subsequent feelers from Rice, SMU, Arizona, and Oklahoma State. As it was, Switzer felt he could afford to wait and be selective.

At coaching clinics, Switzer speaks at a pell-mell pace and with the fertile-minded, analytical verve that reminds some of a 1957ish Broyles. It is obvious much of Broyles has rubbed off on Switzer.

But of the three bosses he has served—Broyles, Mackenzie and Fairbanks—Switzer says Mackenzie had the greatest influence on his career. As the staff neophyte at Arkansas, Switzer gravitated toward Mackenzie.

"Frank taught me how to think and how to analyze," Switzer said. "Chuck was a tremendously strong and loyal person who taught me the importance of organizing the total program. But I got my coaching philosophy from Jim."

It was because of his friendship with Mackenzie, plus his desire to coach defense, that led Switzer to make the move to OU in '66. After Switzer coached OU's offensive line one year, Mackenzie made good on a promise and moved him to defense, as linebacker coach. This assignment lasted less than three weeks of spring practice in '67.

Mackenzie died of a heart attack, Fairbanks became head coach and Switzer was the only staffer judged capable of becoming offensive coordinator. He remembers thinking "a lot of people would laugh when they heard an ex-center was in charge of the offense at Oklahoma."

But the laughs were on opponents. Blessed with extraordinary backs like Steve Owens, Eddie Hinton and Bob Warmack, Switzer's offenses became the most consistently effective in the Big Eight. But his coaching star did not rise until he gambled and hit the jackpot with the Wishbone.

OU opened the 1970 season planning considerable passing from the Veer option offense. But Mildren's inadequate passing keynoted so-so victories over SMU and Wisconsin and an embarrassing loss to Oregon State. With an open date ahead of Texas, Fairbanks decided a change in offenses was necessary. Switzer suggested the Wishbone, then used only by Texas.

It was a crash course; no clinics to learn from, no staffs to consult and only two weeks of time. The burden was squarely on Switzer. Some veteran coaches still maintain it was an unsound gamble. But Switzer says he never considered it a gamble, "because we were doing what we believed in, and besides I knew we would lose and get fired if we stayed with what we had been doing."

The come through by Mildren, whom Switzer recruited when he was a much-sought-after schoolboy at Abilene, Tex., meant almost as much to Switzer as the team's success. His only regret about the 1970 change was "that we didn't do it a year earlier. If we had, Mildren would have won the Heisman Trophy in 1971."

Mildren was special to Switzer. So was Owens. When Owens cried at the 1969 Heisman Trophy ceremonies in New York, Switzer wept, too. He moped for weeks about the injury which he thought cost Greg Pruitt the 1972 Heisman.

The blond-haired, six-foot Switzer is mentally tough but sentimentally soft. He is demanding, but has a warmth that makes players, black and white, comfortable to be with him. They look upon him as an older brother and feel free to go to the home of Switzer and his petite brunette wife Kay, former baton twirler in the University of Arkansas band, to eat hamburgers and listen to Charley Pride records.

Switzer, who spent his first 28 years in all-white environments, is proud of his rapport with blacks. "The greatest thing that has happened to me at Oklahoma," he said, " is getting to understand and respect the black man."

Switzer enjoyed immense popularity among Fairbanks' staffers. He was "one of the boys" and the staff in unison publicly boosted his candidacy for head coach. He relished the prospect of the staff remaining intact and did not think the transition from buddy to boss would be a handicap. But he did not have the opportunity he envisioned to prove it. He lost three of Fairbanks' top aides—defensive line coach Jimmy Johnson and secondary coach Jimmy Dickey to more responsible positions at Arkansas and Kansas, respectively and offensive line coach Bill Michael as the result of an investigation into transcript tampering. Switzer cried when he learned Michael, his teammate at Arkansas and close friend, could not be saved.

Michael's loss and the ineligibility of quarterback Kerry Jackson, subject of the investigation, were crushing to Switzer, and had a sobering effect on what had been a bubbling enthusiasm toward his new position. The honeymoon was brief, he winced.

Even without Michael (and scout team coach Joe Granato, who was fired by Fairbanks shortly before the latter's move, for alleged associations with gamblers), the 12 man staff is dominated (7 to 5) by men who heretofore knew him as a fellow aide.

Switzer concedes, "the other coaches are inclined to relax with me more than they were with Chuck. Chuck was aloof and they were about half afraid of him. I'm aware

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there is a difference, but I am not worried about it being a problem, because of the pride they have in their work. If they don't do it to suit me, they all know I'll jump right in the middle of them."

Switzer also is confident his popularity with the players will not be a problem. They know I am demanding. I am not a 'screamer' or a 'kicker' but I am a disciplinarian who wants good citizens who won't embarrass us, and if any do I will treat them just like you treat a cancer—cut them out of our system and be rid of them."

The only request Switzer made, of a disciplinary nature, was to ask the white players to shave their mustaches (this year only). "I am not bothered by mustaches," Switzer said, "but I told the players I felt a lot of people would be looking at me and our program this first year wondering if I'd let things turn to dirt. I asked them to give me a chance this first year, and next year they could grow as many mustaches as they wanted. The same day everybody who had a mustache shaved it off."

The Switzers have three children—Greg, 4; Kathy, 3; and Douglas, born last September—one dog (Boomer) and two Siamese cats (Sam and Suzy) who exercise their house rights by sharing the bed and dining table with the coach's family.

Last football season was a trying time for Switzer. The pressures of grooming a quarterback for an otherwise all-star team, the birth of Douglas, the death of his father in an automobile accident (two days before the Kansas game) and the Michigan State job drained Switzer.

With Fairbanks' help and the backing of some Michigan State leaders, Switzer became excited about his prospects and in early December it appeared certain he would be offered the position. Later, Switzer sensed uncertainties about the new leadership at Michigan State and his reservations prompted him to withdraw his name before an offer was made.

By the Sugar Bowl he was relaxed but let down, wondering if by being so selective he might be dooming his chances of ever becoming a head coach. Three weeks later everything changed.

"If I had gotten the Michigan State job and then Chuck left Oklahoma," Switzer mused, "I'd be beating my head against the wall in Lansing right now."

Jim Stanley traveled a considerably more varied and rockier road than Switzer to reach his goal. He endured Bear Bryant's infamous "Junction" as a freshman and spent his apprenticeship in three Alamo-type programs. It was, to be sure, an uphill battle.

Stanley grew up in Kentucky, and lived in three different towns during his high school career. His high school graduation corresponded with Bryant's move from Kentucky to Texas A&M. Stanley was preparing to enroll at Tennessee when Cutchin recruited him for Texas A&M.

That was 1954, the year Bryant took the Aggies to Junction for a pre-season training camp that was the Iwo Jima of nonwars. Stanley was among those who survived. He became a two-time all-SWC lineman, on an unbeaten 1956 team and on a 1957 team that was ranked No. 1 nationally for much of the season. Bryant affectionately remembers Stanley as "the meanest guy on the team."

Stanley was an assistant for two years at an Amarillo, Tex., high school, and had one year stints at Texas Western and SMU before going to OSU with Cutchin in 1963. Each school was a survival test.

He says, "I was influenced by and learned from every coach I've been with, but I am my own man. I never believed in a lot of the things coach Bryant and some of his people did. I believe in discipline, but I don't think the kind you get through fear is any good. I prefer the kind you acquire through faith. You have this if the team is a family. Dave did a great job of making a family of our team last year. I hope we can be a family again."

Stanley's own family consists of his wife Sylvia, whom he met while at Texas A&M and married his senior year, and four children—Rhonda, 15; Mark, 14; Starlyn, 11; and Matthew, 6.

All but three of the other assistants on Smith's staff also made the move to SMU. By retaining the three and hiring eight replacements, Stanley assembled an impressive staff.

If Switzer's handicap is how to boss his pals, Stanley's handicap seemingly is his lack of offensive experience. But he plunged head on into this challenge by saying the Cowboys would pass more than they did last year and revealing the surprising participation he plans for himself on offense.

"I will be more involved with the offense than the defense," Stanley said. "I think decisions must be made quicker on offense. So, the head coach should be more involved with the offense."

After a long apprenticeship on defense, Stanley is grateful to have this new responsibility.

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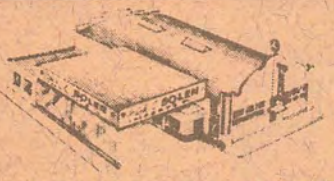

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YOU CAN'T REALLY SAY George Palmer and Roderick Shoate are bosom buddies, although they have gotten rather chesty with one another.

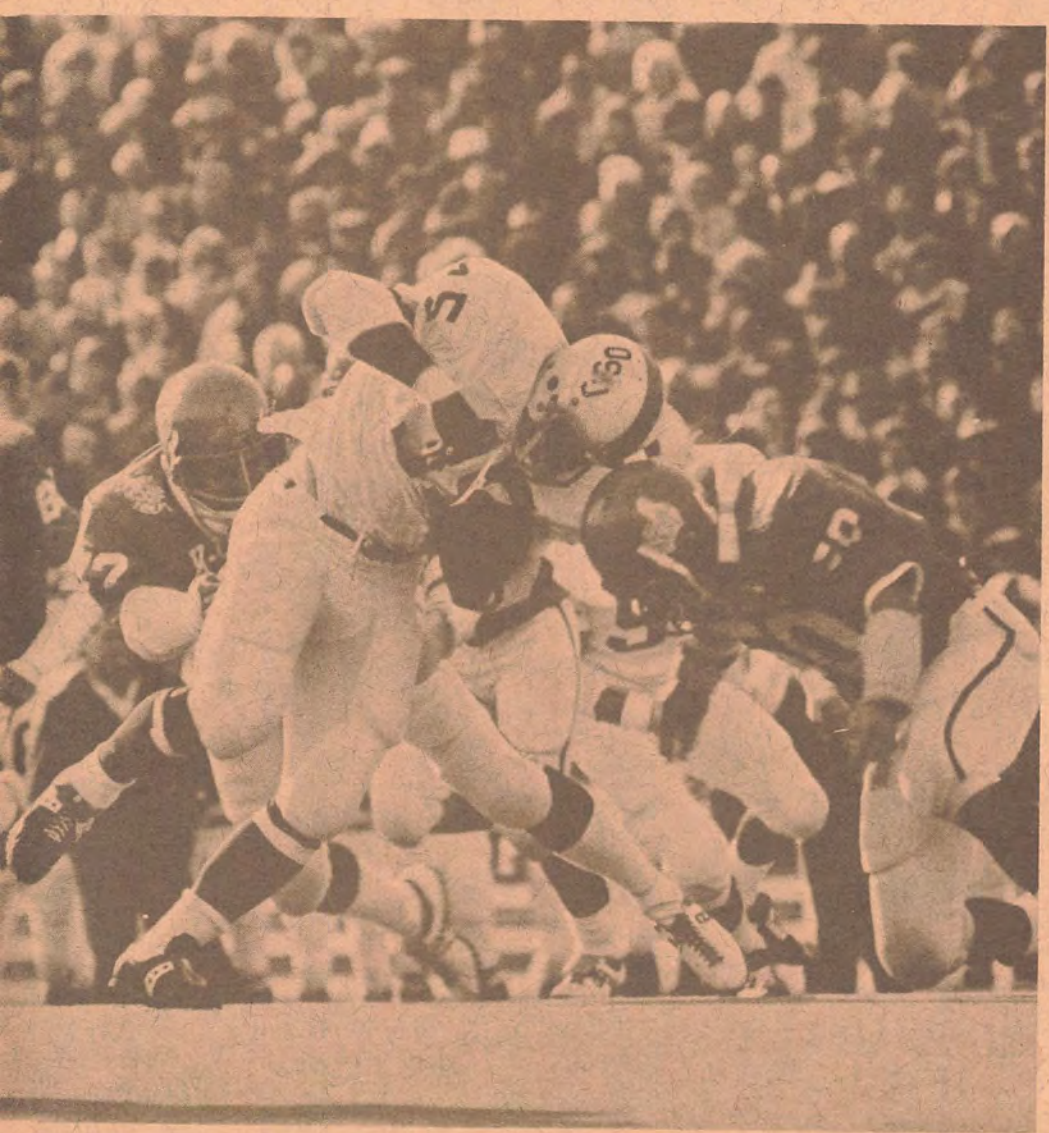
Bad blood? "Could be a little," shrugs Shoate.

They collided from the start like a pair of rare seedlings vying for the same, small shaft of sunlight.

That introduction of the Big Eight's Immovable Object in Oklahoma linebacker Shoate and its Irrepressible Force in Oklahoma State fullback Palmer came in the 1971 Oklahoma all state game.

"We had a conflict, just to see who was best. We busted each other in the mouth!"

GEORGE PALMER, Oklahoma State



"We had a conflict," recalls Palmer, "just to see who was best. We busted each other in the mouth. Before the game last year, he said he had a score to settle. That score was me."

Shoate is able to add a little: "George had a little poorer freshman game than he thought he should've, and George had a little poorer game than he wanted when they were supposed to beat us. A couple of things like that."

One would guess they are mortal enemies. That is not necessarily the case. Both respect the other's abilities.

"I know when we're on the same field," says Shoate, "we're going to be looking for each other. I know he's going to run that much harder trying to run over me, and I'm going to be trying that much harder to stop him."

Thus, one hesitates putting them together, even on paper. In 1973, they are again struggling for sunlight, but, because of the exposure they won last season, there may be room enough at the top for both. They should easily be among the Big Eight's best-bet-juniors for All-America.

As in other ways, their goals are not dissimilar.

"I live for victory," says Shoate. "I'll try to make Lineman of the Week every game I play. If I do that, all the honors will take care of themselves."

Chimes Palmer: "I'm going to try to be the No. 1 fullback in the nation. I don't go by yardage. I try to do as much as I can to help us win. I really like blocking. I just wait to set people up downfield. I try to get one linebacker, then get up and go after another."

There is no reason to believe they can't make it. Shoate was All-Big Eight, sophomore of the year on defense and gained national Lineman of the Week for his play against Iowa State.

After one season, he was already

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being compared to other Owen Field ghosts such as Tom Catlin, Kurt Burris, Jerry Tubbs, Bob Harrison and Carl McAdams, probably OU's best-ever linebackers. Although Tubbs was voted best of the Bud Wilkinson era, only

Bad Blood? "Could be a little."

ROD SHOATE, Oklahoma

Catlin and McAdams made All-America two years. It is a goal within Shoate's reach.

Palmer rushed to the front the last four games of the '72 season like an enraged bull. He netted over 100 yards rushing on successive Saturdays against Kansas (109), Kansas State (116) and Iowa State (150), then impressed OU's crack defensive unit in the finale with 93 yards in 19 carries.

Larry Lacewell, OU's defense coach, marveled at Palmer's running after a 38-15 Sooner victory: "Palmer's the best we played against. I really didn't realize he was that quick and strong until Saturday."

Knowing Palmer weighed only 210 last spring, a pro scout commented, "That Palmer runs like he weighs 240."

George Palmer and Roderick Shoate have more in common than they would admit.

Both were running back-linebackers on mediocre high school teams, Shoate at Spiro, Palmer at El Reno.

Both were originally recruited for the opposite positions they ended up playing in college. OU first looked at Shoate as a running back. Palmer came to OSU as a linebacker.

So marginal were their abilities one coach suggests it is doubtful either would have received major college scholarships had present NCAA limitations been in effect in 1971. Only the Sooners and OSU offered Shoate a

scholarship. Palmer says OU did not offer him one.

They are about the same size, Shoate standing 6-3 and weighing 215, up five pounds from last year, and Palmer 6-1 by 210.

Playing on a nationally-ranked team with several television appearances including a bowl game, have probably given Shoate the edge in the race for fame.

Still, the Sooner linebacker knows there are certain games he must play well. "The biggest game we will play," he says, "will be the second game against Southern Cal. If we have a good game, even beat them, that's all we will need. The other game is Texas." For you, too? "Yes, I think for me, too."

There can be little question, Shoate's showcase game will come the night of Sept. 29 in Los Angeles. His confrontation with USC's Richard Wood, an All-America linebacker last year as a sophomore, has the makings of a classic.

It is reminiscent of past Sooner defensive matchups: the McAdams-Tommy Nobis (Texas) and the Granville Liggins-Wayne Meyland (Nebraska) king-of-the-hill outings in the '60s.

Shoate is not unaware of Wood, 6-2 and 220 from Elizabeth, N.J., who had 32 more tackles than anyone else the Trojans had and also intercepted five passes.

"I saw him play on television once," said Shoate. "I feel the pressure will be on him when we play. He's an All American already. Even if he has a good game, it's expected. I'm just honorable mention."

Shoate lingered in the shadows of OU's devastating front three in 1972, for a while. All-America Derland Moore and Raymond Hamilton are gone now, leaving only nose guard Lucious Selmon and some are anticipating more pressure on Shoate this year because of it.

Lucious's brother, Dewey, now a sophomore, was thought better than any of last year's three by a former Sooner coach and Shoate thinks it possible the interior may be as strong as the other one.

"Right now, comparing Dewey to Derland," says Shoate, "I'd have to say Dewey is just a little quicker. He's not any quicker than Lucious and maybe he's a little stronger and quicker than Raymond."

If the front is strong, it will only accentuate Shoate's most encompassing asset, his speed.

He has consistently covered 40 yards in 4.6 seconds and Lacewell is quick to point out: "If there's a faster linebacker in the country, he should be a running back."

This fall, you can count on him being stronger, too. "When I first came here I tried to (bench) press 190 and couldn't do it. The last day of weightlifting this year, I pressed 300 pounds."

Palmer was OSU's leading ground gainer, 937 yards, and only one other Cowboy player, Bob Fenimore of mid-Forties fame, has ever covered more. Walt Garrison, now of the Dallas Cowboys, had 13 yards less his senior year in 1956.

That is a long way from El Reno High where, he says, "I was an up-the-middle fullback and I'd be carrying three and four people on me most the time. I was the biggest guy on the team. It looked funny. All those little linemen and there I was back at fullback."

George Palmer was determined to make good at OSU. "I want to be the best I can possibly be. I just want to be somebody." It was no easy task, he admitted. The college recruiters sized him up this way, he said: "Too slow to be a back, too small for the line."

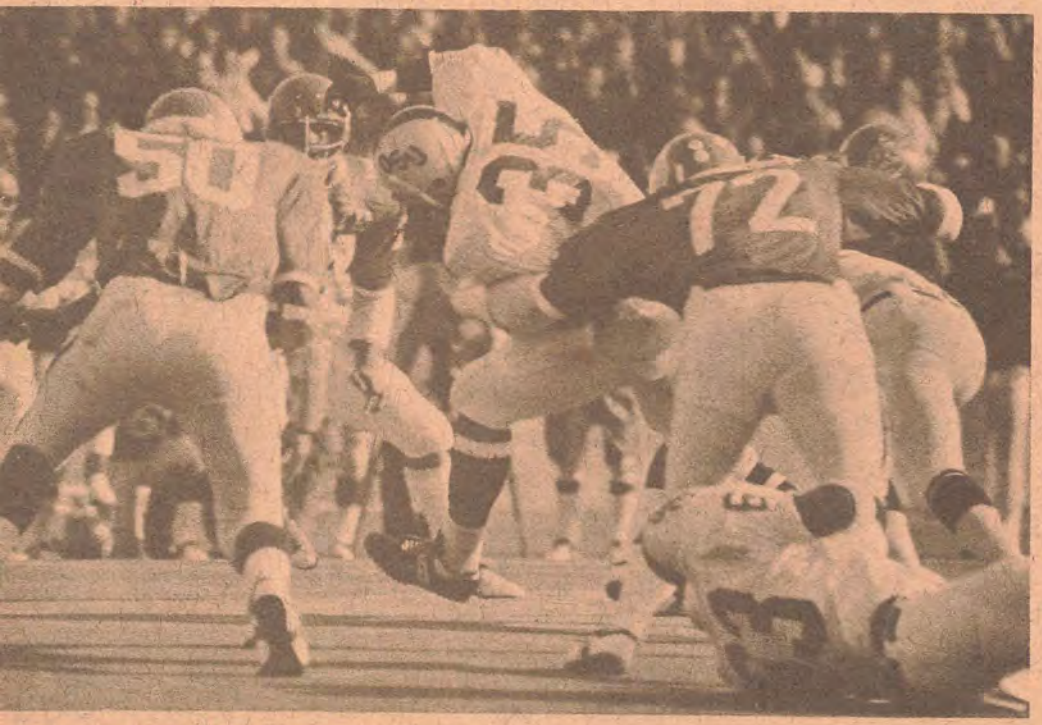
Since leaving El Reno, Palmer says his speed in the 40 has dropped from 5.2 to 4.6. He started with his own running program the summer before he went to Stillwater.

"I'd run 12 miles every evening after I got off work," he said. His path was Highway 81 to the town of Concho and back. "I knew I had to do something. It was the only way to get faster.

"One time I thought I'd run to Okarche. I made it, but on the way back, I got tired and caught a ride back most of the way." He did his running faithfully, he says, Monday through Friday. By August, he had dropped his speed to 4.9.

It was also during this time, he would borrow a football suit and pads from his high school coach, trot off to Burden Park and bang into a telephone pole, among other things.

"I'd hit it with one shoulder, spin off one way, then hit it with the other shoulder and spin the other way. I'd hit it at least 10 times with each shoulder. People tended to think I was crazy. There would be 15 to 20 people watching, but I tuned them out."



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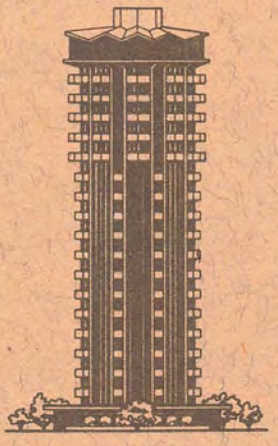

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ROD SHOATE (43) PURSUES Charlie Davis (26) with the 4.6 speed of a running back. He easily ranks as one of the top three linebackers in America.

One of nine children, things didn't come easily to Palmer. "I never had any money. When I'd work all my money went to my parents. We had enough to eat, but I didn't have clothes every time I needed them."

Palmer had an odd image for a potential standout on the gridiron. "I was the oldest boy and had to help take care of the rest of the family," he says. "I cooked and even helped my mother do housework. I never went through a rebellious stage. I was considered a mama's boy."

His father is a car detailer, a form of touch up work on used automobiles before they are resold. If a professional career materializes, says Palmer, "I'd like to set him up in a detailing shop of his own. Money doesn't really mean anything to me."

Palmer credits track coach Ralph Tate with a running program cutting his 40 time to its present 4.6. But, while he was making progress afoot, his moments of glory as a sophomore were clouded by his hands. They occasionally dropped the football.

In the season opener against Arlington State, he rambled 71 yards to the Texas two-yard line, then fumbled the next play.

In one of his best games, a 128-yard day at Virginia Tech, he fumbled at the OSU 2, leading to Tech's game-winning field goal with only 12 seconds to play.

During the winter, he had a bone chip removed from his shoulder, playing the last eight games of the '72 season with the injury.

And Shoate is respectful of it all.

"George has improved 110 per cent as a runner," he says. "I told him so after the game last year. It's something I can't take away from him. George is the best straight ahead fullback I've run up against in competition."

The big thing Palmer remembers about the '72 game with OU is a bloody nose Shoate gave him. "I tried to get him for that on a draw play," says Palmer, "just to show I'm better than him. But he's a good linebacker. He's real quick and hits real hard."

It ought to be interesting by the time they get around to each other again Dec. 1 in Stillwater.

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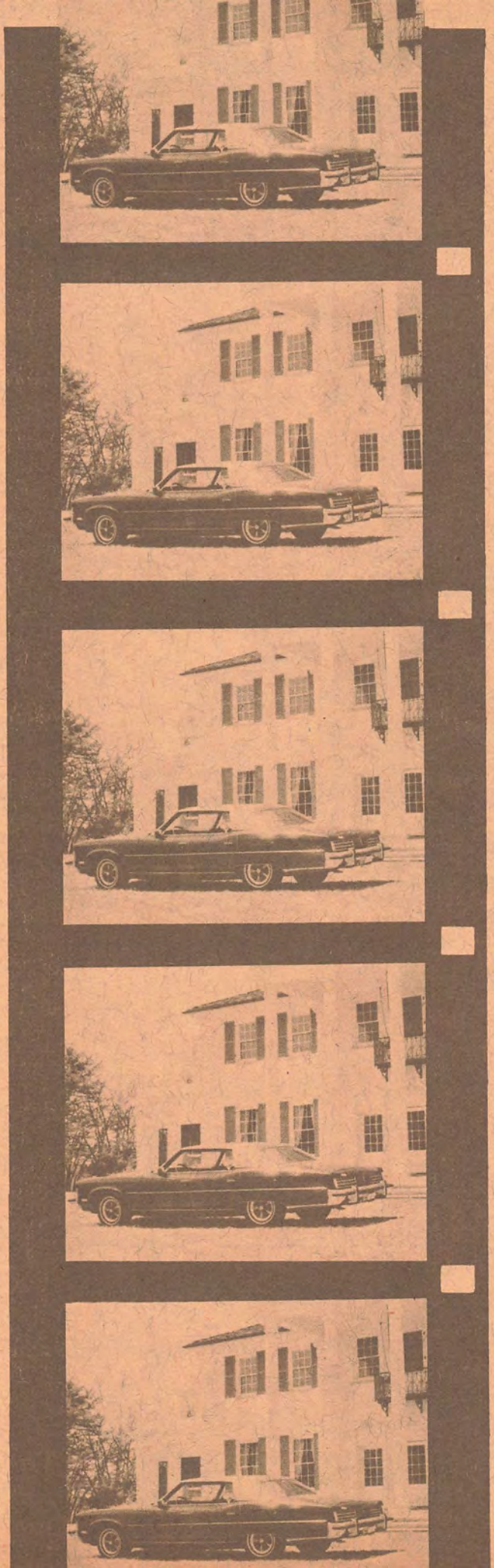

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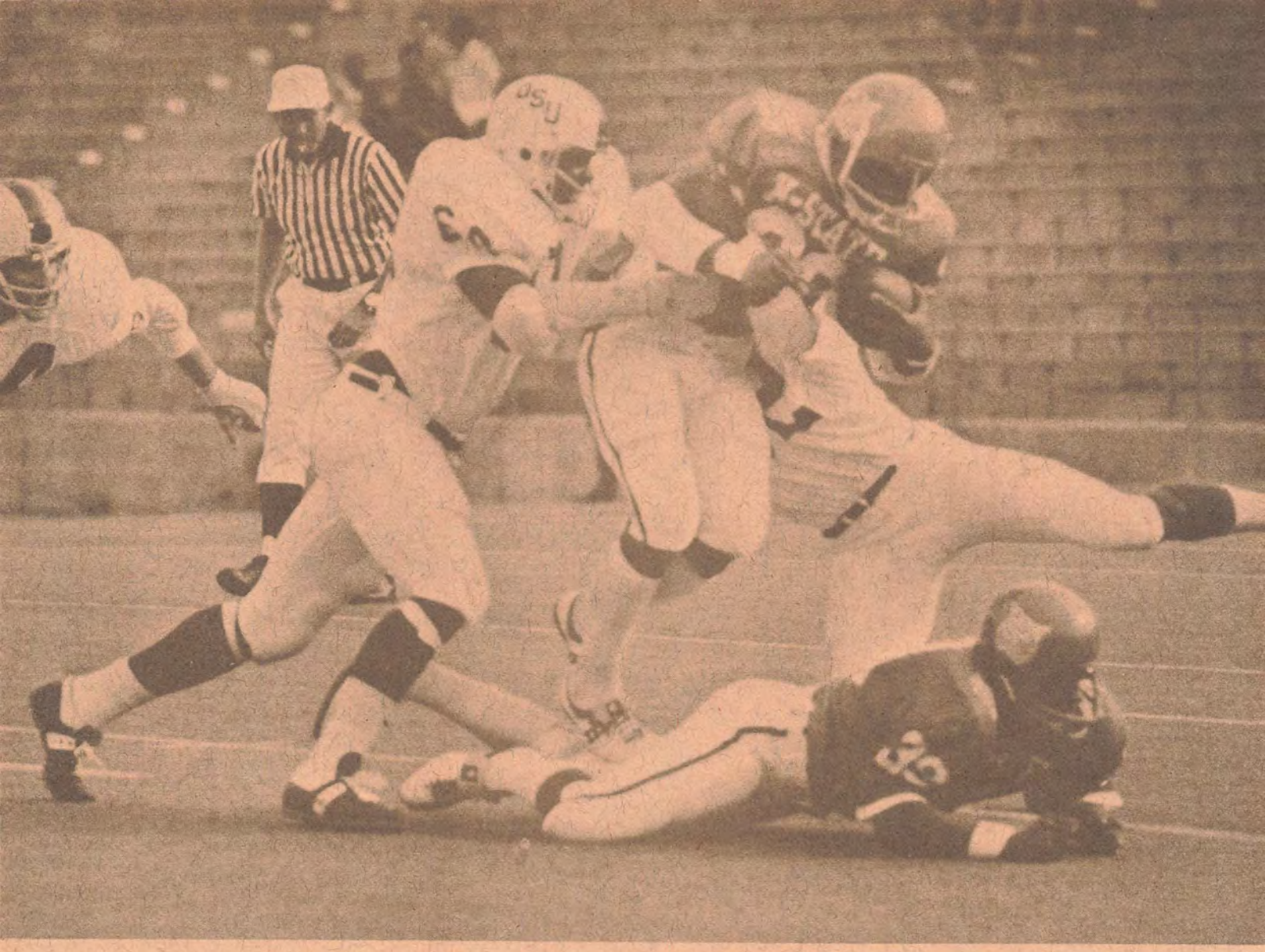

CLEVELAND VANNdalizes ball-carriers

Over 80 colleges courted this Seguin legend as an offensive operative. It wasn't until Jim Stanley recognized Vann's defensive potential, that this stellar linebacker finally earned All Conference honors.

By **CHRIS RUSCHA** *Oklahoma Journal*

THERE NEVER WAS MUCH DOUBT that Cleveland Vann was going to be an important part of Oklahoma State's football program when he signed a letter-of-intent three years ago. The only question was where he was going to be the most help.

The puzzle solved itself last season when Vann led the Oklahoma State team in tackles, made the Associated Press's All Conference team and drew praise from his coach who noted, "Each week Cleveland continues to roam the field and make plays which border him on being one of the best linebackers in the country."

But the answer didn't come quickly. Vann, who was part of an Oklahoma State recruiting year which included quarterback Brent Blackman, tackle Barry Price and end Reuben Gant, came sauntering out of Seguin, Tex., with All-American credentials as both a fullback and a linebacker.

Vann saw himself as a fullback and played that position as a freshman and sophomore.

"I wanted to play fullback when I first got here," Vann admitted. "They mentioned moving me to defense as a sophomore, but I didn't much like the idea."

Unwilling to tamper with such a valuable piece of talent, the Cowboy coaches left him at fullback. He finished his sophomore year as the second-leading rusher on the team. But when Dave Smith arrived to take over the coaching duties from Floyd Gass, he wanted Vann on the other side of the ball.

"Coach Smith talked to me about moving when he came. I didn't think I was doing too well at fullback so I agreed."

He wouldn't go back to offense now if they begged him, which they won't.

"I wouldn't change for anything now," he insisted. "It took awhile to learn to read the keys but toward the end of last spring, I felt like I was beginning to get it down. My sophomore year I was getting hit and I didn't like it too much. When I went to defense, I got a chance to hit back. I liked it."

Members of the Cowboy coaching staff liked what they saw, too. The 6-1, 217-pounder led the team in tackles with 122, intercepted three passes (returning one 45 yards for a touchdown against Kansas State) and displayed the ability to apply jarring tackles.

New positions aren't the only major change Vann has faced at Oklahoma State. Recently, the 21-year-old Physicul Education major shook hands with the third head coach of his three year stay in Stillwater.

Actually, Jim Stanley who succeeded Smith, wasn't a stranger to Vann. Stanley had served as defensive coordinator when Smith took over the year before. The new coaching regime meets with Cleveland's whole-hearted approval.

"I think it's the best thing that ever happened to the football program here. Coach Stanley is a nice guy and everyone respects him. When we learned that Coach Stanley was going to take over, everyone kind of forgot about Coach Smith."

While Vann says he won't miss Smith, who has gone to Southern Methodist, he did appreciate the improvement the Cowboys made in Smith's first year. Oklahoma State recorded a 6-5 record, marking the first time the Cowboy ledger had tilted to the left since 1959.

"Before it was kind of bad getting beat by teams when we had players who were just as good," Vann commented. "Last year some of the teams we played would come on the field and take us lightly since they beat us the year before. It'll be tougher this year because the element of surprise is gone, but I still think we'll have a great team."

Colorado could vouch for the element of surprise. The Buffaloes visited Stillwater last year with people talking about possible national championships. One year before, Colorado, and Charlie Davis in particular, had romped to a 40-6 win. Davis carved up the record books as he collected 342 yards rushing.

The Cowboys had a big surprise for Colorado this time around, thoroughly thumping the Buffs, 31-6, and limiting Davis to just 58 yards from his tailback slot.

"We just gang tackled him," Vann said of the shifty Davis. "If he slipped away, someone else was there to grab him."

Despite the way the Cowboys corralled him last year, Vann lists Davis as the toughest running back he's had to tackle.

"He's the toughest one I've ever faced. He's got that little something that allows him to get away even when you've got him wrapped up."

Vann was raised in a football hotbed. He earned all district honors three years and paced Seguin to a 37-6 mark. He played offense, defense, punted and kicked field goals. He toed a 49-yarder as a junior and finished with 10 three-pointers his last year.

Seguin is located in the southern part of Texas, less than an hour from San Antonio. It's population is only 17,000 but it has produced some impressive football players. Texas' Pat Padgett and John Boecker, Texas A&M captain Grady Herman, Texas Tech safety Tony Green and 6-9, 345-pound Milton Hardaway, all cultivated their skills in that area.

Herman played linebacker opposite Vann. The people of the town still speak with awe of Vann's prep feats.

"He's a legend in this part of the state," said John Taylor, publisher of the Seguin Gazette and an avid follower of Texas high school football for the past 18 years.

"He was fantastic. He could do anything. He was elected class president his senior year and we haven't been integrated here that long. He was tremendous here. He scored 25 touchdowns his last year and was the best field goal kicker in the history of this area."

Some 80 colleges bid for Vann's services. Darrel Royal made a couple of visits to the Vann household and Woody Hayes flew in from Ohio State. Notre Dame, Southern Cal and UCLA all sent representatives to woo the legend. But it was Houston which appeared to have the inside track.

Meanwhile, Oklahoma State was hiring as assistant coach from a small college in Seguin, Fred Hightower of Texas Lutheran. Before the others knew what had happened, Hightower had Vann on his way to Stillwater.

Cleveland married a girl from Seguin and now lives in an apartment a short walk from the campus. Football success hasn't affected him much. He remains a reserved, polite individual who professes to enjoy meeting and talking to people. Nothing seems to upset him and he does little to upset anyone else, least of all the coaches.

"I just go by whatever they tell me to do," Vann claims. "I figure they've had more experience than I have. The only way to succeed is by hard work. I don't think you can have much success trying to find an easy way."

Vann's size, savy and 4.7 speed figure to make him a strong pro prospect but he claims not to have given that idea much thought.

Just like he hasn't pondered much about making All-Conference or All-American teams.

"I'd kind of like to coach after I graduate," he declared. "If I get a chance to play pro ball I'd like to give it a try. But I really haven't given it much thought. I would like to lead the team in tackles again and help us have one of the best defenses in the Big Eight.

"I still have a lot of things to learn as a linebacker. It didn't bother me not getting mentioned on some of these teams last year because I realize there are a lot of great linebackers."

He paused for a moment and his expressionless look changed as a slow smile began to spread across his face. You get the idea that you haven't really learned about the real Cleveland Vann until his soft voice adds, "I do hope to be there next year, though."

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SCHOOLBOY SUPER STARS

The elite of the "Friday Night Heroes"

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FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, college coaches around the state have been moaning that there just hasn't been enough prep talent in Oklahoma to help their programs as they would like to.

Sure, there have been the outstanding players like the Selmons, Ross Murphy and Chez Evans. But the overall crop has not been rated too high.

This fact can be pointed out when you look at the Oklahoma signees this year and see the Sooners inked only 12 from this state. The lack of talented backs seemed to be most noticeable.

But the college recruiters from the state's three major universities, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Tulsa, all think that the crop from the graduating class of '74, will be able to supply their needs a little better than the crops of the past two campaigns.

"I think there is some outstanding talent in the state this year," said Jerry Pettibone, recruiting chief at Oklahoma. "It's really hard to look at the talent before the season begins because a lot of the boys will not mature until their senior year.

"But right now it does look like there are some players who have quite a bit of ability. We have noticed them during their sophomore and junior seasons."

There doesn't seem to be any shortage in running backs at all. In fact, Vaughn Lusby of Lawton MacArthur and Titus Lawson of Lawton just may have been the top two runners in the state last year.

"Lusby is the best back I have ever seen", voiced MacArthur coach Ronnie Hartline. "He can do it all. I've just never seen a back electrify everyone like he does."

One college recruiter had this to say about Lusby.

"He could either be a running back or a receiver in college. He has great speed (4.6 in the 40) and when he gets his hands on the ball, he's always a threat to go."

Hartline continued to sing praise about the 5-10, 175 pounder Lusby.

"No one that I've seen is in the same category as Vaughn. He can do whatever he wants to when he gets the ball. He is a great receiver. And when we need him to block, he gets the job done. I definitely think he is the best all-around back ever to come out of Lawton."

As a sophomore Lusby gained 1,030 yards for a 7.1 yard per carry average. He had 23 receptions for 461 yards. He also had two interceptions and scored 160 points.

Lusby upped his rushing mark as a junior as he gained 1,369 yards on 174 carries for 7.9 average. He had 16 receptions for 265 yards. He scored 156 points.

In one game the speedster scored seven touchdowns, rushed for 327 yards on 17 carries and made runs of 96, 87, 72 and 55 . . . *in one game!*

Lawson has also been tearing opponents apart the past two seasons.

As a sophomore, the 5-10, 175-pounder became the first back in the history of Lawton High to gain over 1,000 yards rushing. He picked up 1,125 yards during that season on 220 carries for a 5.1 average.

He didn't break into the starting lineup until midway in the year and in his first game as a starter he gained 113 yards and scored three touchdowns against Tulsa Memorial.

Lawson didn't get to carry the ball as much as a junior, but he still got over the 1,000 rushing mark again.

He picked up 1,019 yards on 135 carries for a 7.5 average. He also scored 14 touchdowns.

His best game of the year came against Tulsa Rogers when he amazed the Ropers by gaining 253 yards on just 12

carries, including touchdown runs of 63 and 59 yards. He also ran 63 yards before being halted at the two. He left the game early in the third quarter.

Lawson also has quite a bit of showmanship. Last year he broke a 60-yard run against Putnam City West and turned around, ala Greg Pruitt, and walked the final 10 yards into the end zone.

"There's no doubt about it. Titus has as much ability as anyone around," said Lawton coach Bo Bowman. "His moves are something else. If he gets just a little daylight, he'll go all the way.

"His potential is really unlimited. He can do just about anything he wants to. He can run up the middle real well. He gives linebackers and defensive backs fits when he gets into the open."

Lawton Eisenhower coach Ron Polston, who has had to face Lawson twice, praised his rival.

"You're not going to find anyone with as much talent as Titus. He can kill you in many ways. You think you have him stopped, and then all of a sudden he'll break the long one on you."

One of the top prospects in the state is Ben Young, a 6-3, 205-pound fullback from Ponca City. Young has been timed in 10.1 for the 100 and 4.5 for the 40.

"Ben will be one of the most sought-after prospects in the state," said one college coach. "He has so much raw ability, it's amazing."

During his junior year Young was employed as a wide receiver. He did very well at the position as he snared 55 passes for 982 yards.

"We're going to make Ben a fullback this year," said Ponca City coach Jerry Runyan. "He's an amazing athlete. "For someone so big, he has good moves."

Runyan said Young just kept on getting better and better as the season went along.

"The thing that Ben really improved on was running after he caught the ball. It took him a while to become outstanding at this. But it got pretty difficult to bring him down.

"Both Dave Smith (SMU coach) and Galen Hall (OU assistant coach) have looked at films of him and rate him very, very high. He could be the best prospect in the state.

"Ben has the great ability of jumping into the air and catching the ball. He has excellent hands. We think he'll be a tremendous running back."

Young is also a standout basketball player and during the track season he was a broad jumper, threw the discus and ran on both the 440 and mile relay teams.

One of the top athletes in the state is Norman's Dean Blevins, who the college scouts also think will be the top quarterback around.

"There's no doubt in my mind that Dean will be the No. 1 quarterback in Oklahoma next year. We have already started to recruit him," said one college coach.

"Blevins just has a fantastic amount of ability," said Eisenhower coach Ron Polston. "There's no doubt that he should be the top quarterback in the state. He can just do so many things well."

One of the biggest fights will be for the recruiters to get the 5-11, 180-pounder to decide whether he wants to play basketball or football in college.

"I thought that Dean was one of the two top basketball prospects in the state during his junior year," said former Oklahoma assistant Joe Ramsey.

Blevins averaged over 18 points and six rebounds a game on the hardwood. He was an all-state selection.

On the gridiron, Blevins didn't get a chance to show much of his wares. He tore a muscle in the third quarter of the opening game and never recovered until the final contest of the year.

Blevins, whom the college coaches say will be an ideal wishbone quarterback, ran for 213 yards and passed for 385 while he was able to play.

"As far as an athlete his size, he's the best that I've ever seen," said Norman basketball coach Max Marquardt. "He's in the same category of a Bobby Murcer or a Scott Martin. He is the best that I have ever coached. He can do it all.

He is also a leader. All the players on the team look up to him to make the big play. He's going to have a tough decision as to play football or basketball."

The top linebacking prospect in the state may be none other than Myron Shoate, the little brother of OU's All-American Rod Shoate.

"I think at the same stage, he's a little ahead of Roderick," exclaimed Spiro coach L.D. Johnson. "He's a tremendous player. His quickness is unbelievable."

Tho 5-11, 190-pounder who runs the 40 in 4.6, was also an outstanding fullback. He rushed for over 1,000 yards as a junior. His best game of the year was against Poteau when he ran for 197 yards.

His top defensive effort came against Checotah when he made 16 unassisted tackles and was in on 15 others.

"Myron is still growing. I think he'll be almost as big as Roderick. He's a real head-hunter. He has a good nose for the ball. He should be a great college prospect."

One of the biggest lineman in the state will be Jeff Ward, a 6-6, 265-pound tackle from Moore. *Please turn the page*

JEFF WARD, State heavyweight wrestling champ and Oklahoma's LINEMAN OF THE YEAR

"He's in the same class that Mike Fanning was when he was a senior," said one college coach. "He has that great size, and he moves very well for someone his size."

Moore coach Glen Wolfe thinks that his giant tackle has worlds of ability.

"Jeff can really be a tremendous player," says Wolfe. "He just has unlimited potential. He's so big and strong. And he has great coordination.

"Jeff also has pretty good speed. As a sophomore we timed him in 5.2 for the 40. We think that he can improve on that. He has gotten a little heavier than we would like him to be."

Not only is Ward one of the top football prospects in the state, but he is one of the top wrestling prospects. During his junior campaign, Ward won the state 4A heavyweight mat title.

"I think that Jeff will be one of the top three prospects in the state," said Oklahoma State mat coach Tom Chesbro.

Another blue-chip line prospect is Midwest City's Jody Farthing, a strapping, 6-1, 225-pounder who runs the 40 in 4.9.

I thought Farthing was the best line prospect in Oklahoma City when he was just a sophomore," said one recruiter. "We have been keeping a very close eye on him."

"He just can't miss," said another. "He has all the tools and really likes to hit."

As a sophomore, Farthing was a down lineman. But in his junior year he was shifted to linebacker because that's where Midwest City coach Jim Darnell needed him the most.

"I don't know where we'll play Jody this year," voiced Darnell. "He is really a great down lineman. As a sophomore, he was probably as good as anyone I've ever had at that stage.

"The greatest asset he has is finding the ball. He gets to the ball real well. We might try him at noseguard where he'll really be able to get some people. He has real fine quickness."

Darnell was asked what kind of a college prospect he thought Farthing was.

"I think there will be quite a few colleges who are after him," Darnell said. "He has what the recruiters like—good size with good speed. We'll probably have to use him both ways this season."

One of the top receivers in the state figures to be Billy Lynn, a 6-0, 170-pounder from Elk City who does the 40 in 4.4.

Lynn was taken off the junior high team as a freshman and became a starting defensive back for the varsity. He intercepted six passes during the year, one covering 70 yards for a touchdown.

As a sophomore, Lynn was a two-way regular. He rushed for 1,456 yards and scored 15 touchdowns for 110 points. He increased these statistics as a junior as he ran for 1,835 yards and scored 18 touchdowns for 128 points.

"Billy Lynn has to be one of the best football players I have ever seen or coached," says Elk City skipper Bob Ivins. He has the greatest quickness of any player.

"He has led Elk City to three district championships in a row. He has a great pair of hands and moves you've never seen. I can't say enough about this young athlete, but he has to be one of the best."

Another top line prospect is Robert Ross, a 6-3, 270 pound tackle from Clinton. Ross usually does the 40 in 5.2.

"Robert has an unlimited amount of potential," said Clinton coach Jim Frazier, who also coached at Oklahoma State two years ago. "For a big man, he moves very well.

"He's as strong as an ox. He just moves people right out of the way. The thing he needs to work on the most is his fundamentals. He has a great deal of raw ability."

Frazier said he thought Ross should be a great college prospect.

"Oh, there's no doubt about that. "He's still growing. We have just started to get him on a weight program. When I first came here in January, he was bench-pressing 180 pounds. Now he bench presses 450 pounds."

"I think Ross could be a really great player," said Hobart coach Phil Dalke. "He's so strong and he's so quick. He'll be one of your top lineman in the state."

Dalke also has one of the top lineman in the state in tackle Mike Chariss, a 6-2, 220-pounder with 4.9 speed in the 40.

"The greatest asset that Mike has is his quickness," said Dalke. "He's as quick as anyone that I have coached his size.

"We used him a lot at linebacker. He can really play almost anyplace," continued Dalke. "He can overpower you. He is very strong. We think he'll have a great year this season."

The 11th member named to the team is Lawton Ike's Terry Smith, a 6-4, 250"pounder.

"I think Terry can become a great player," said coach Ron Polston. "The thing he needs to be working on is to cut his speed down a little. Right now he runs the 40 in 5.5. But we think he'll be able to get it down.

"Last year he led the team in tackles and most of the time he was double-teamed. I think he'll be an outstanding college prospect. He can go both ways. He should be a great senior."

Second Team All State and Honorable Mention list

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TITUS LAWSON

JODY FARTHING

MYRON SHOATE

DEAN BLEVINS

SECOND TEAM ALL STATE

TE Stanford Cherry, 6-3,215 (4.9) Tuttle
T Steve Imhoff, 6-4,210 (5.0) Norman
G Chris Dawson, 6-3,225 (5.1) Shawnee
C Mark Keith, 6-3,250 (5.2) Vian
G Alan Baker, 6-1,207 (4.9) Seminole
T K. Baldischwiler, 6-5,215 (5.1) Okmulgee
E Chip Latham, 6-2,185 (4.7) Rush Springs
QB Steve Mixon, 6-2,180 (4.6) Stroud
QB Bill Crutcher, 6-2,190 (4.8) Claremore
RB John Bunch, 6-1,190 (4.6) Spiro
RB Wes Hawkins, 5-10,165 (4.6) Bristow

HONORABLE MENTION

ENDS

Jeff Maynard, 6-4, 210 (4.9) Tulsa Webster
Tim Brewer, 6-3, 190 (4.9) Sand Springs
Phil Roland, 6-4, 232 (5.0) Broken Arrow
Mike Burris, 6-2, 205 (5.0) Broken Bow
Chris Ward, 5-10, 160 (4.7) McGuinness
Tim Brewer, 6-3, 190 (4.9) Sand Springs
Gary Don Smith, 6-3, 190 (4.8) Crescent

LINEMEN

Andy Knight, 6-3, 245, Guthrie
Les Claborn, 6-2, 245 (5.2) Apache
Rocky Heinzig, 6-1, 230 (5.1) Seminole
James Reich, 6-3, Southeast, Okla. City
Steve Sly, 6-0, 190 (5.1) Bristow
Steve McCord, 6-0, 210 (4.9) Comanche
Bill Ahrberg, 6-0, 190 (4.9) Cushing
J. Patman, 6-2, 190, El Reno
Vance Sharpe, 6-0, 222 (5.1) Putnam City
Tom Clark, 6-1, 210 (5.1) Duncan
Stan Garrison, 6-0, 210 (5.2) Cordell
Steve McKenzie, 6-0, 220 (5.0) Broken Arrow
Curtis Hill, 6-4, 290 (5.4) Lexington
Norm Easter, 6-0, 190 (5.0) Lawton MacArthur
Tony Crain, 6-0, 200 (4.9) Bartlesville College
Kevin Kammerlocker, 6-0, 190 (4.8) Norman
Bill Ahrberg, 6-0, 190 (4.9) Cushing
Virgil Carty, 6-1, 225 (5.2) Cyril
Terry VanBeber, 6-0, 200 (4.9) Muskogee
David Tiger, 6-0, 215 (5.0) Seminole
James Reich, 6-3, 215 (5.2) Southeast
B. Jones, 6-3, 240 (5.1) Owasso
T. Myers, 5-10, 220 (5.2) Nowata
Steve McCord,5-11, 210 Comanche
Clifford Thrift,6-1, 185 (4.8) Purcell
Tony Pitman, 6-1, 180 (4.9) Waukomis
Chuck Fields, 6-3, 195 (5.0) Stigler

QUARTERBACKS

Archie Collins, 6-1, 155 (4.9) Lawton MacArthur
Kenny Burgess, 6-0, 170 (4.7) Bartlesville College
Jon Yeagley, 6-0, 165, NW Classen, Okla. City
Bob Walker, 5-11, 178 (4.8) Vinita
Jr. Jenkins, 6-1,190 (4.8) Checotah
Steve Stark, 6-1, 185 (4.9) Lexington
T. Baker, 6-0, 175 (4.9) Chickasha
Louis Patman, 6-0, 170 Crescent

RUNNING BACKS

Allan Benson, 6-1, 180 (4.6) US Grant, Okla. City
Danny Cluck, 6-2, 180 (4.7) Tulsa Webster
Roy Dewberry, 6-0, 180 (4.6) Guthrie
Bob Smith, 5-9, 160 (4.5) Muskogee
Mark Sykora, 6-1, 205 (4.7) Stroud
Ray Pearl, 5-8, 175, Hugo
Thad Palmer, 6-0, 195, El Reno
Robbie Westenhaver, 6-0, 185, Beaver
Gary Watson, 5-10, 180 (4.5) Shawnee
Charles Thomas, 5-10, 175 (4.6) Checotah
Jackie Schuman, 5-8, 170 (4.7) Putnam City, Okla. City
Darrell Fox, 6-0, 175 (4.8) Mounds
Mark Jackson, 5-11, 185 (4.8) Yukon
Bobby Westenhaver, 6-0 180 (4.8) Beaver
Bob Steinle, 5-11, 220 Hooker
Pete Nichols, 6-2, 190 (4.75) Cordell
Gary Calip, 5-9, 170 (4.7) Hobart
Greg Springer, 5-9 175 (4.5) Midwest City
Jack Lawter 5-10, 170 (4.6) Putnam City West
Robin Roof, 6-3, 185 (4.9) Thomas
Arthur Goenger, 6-0, 175 (4.9) Burns Flat
Phil Maggard, 5-10, 175 (4.9) Broken Bow
Larry Jones, 5-10, 190 (4.8) Clinton
Larry Moore, 5-11, 195 (4.8) Southeast
PeteTommy Parker, 5-11, 180 (4.7) Healdton
Mike Grimmett, 6-0, 175 (4.8) Grove
Jerry Peck, 5-10, 170 (4.9) Hinton
Bobby Simonton, 6-1, 185 (4.9) Lindsay
Gary Watson, 5-10, 180 (4.5) Shawnee
Jim Owens, 5-11, 155 (4.7) Miami
Allen Strambler, 5-10, 170 (4.7) Vian
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Stanley. "He had as good a spring as anybody."

Slow poke in the Cowpoke secondary is safety Lee Stover (6-1, 170). But he can run 4.8. "He's as intelligent as any safety in America," said Stanley.

Intelligence can be over-rated on a football field, Stanley believes. "If that was so important, the service academies would be national champions every year," he said.

But intelligence, both the football and classroom type, can be found in one person. Such a person is strongside linebacker Doug Tarrant (6-2, 198), a near 4.0 student. "He seldom makes mistakes," said Stanley.

Stacked at the other linebacking spot are Tony Buck (6-0, 199) and Ray Ennis (6-2, 208), both quality players.

Depth is a problem at most other positions—including the defensive front four.

Coming out of spring practice, Stanley said his four best down linemen were James White (6-5, 229), Mark Loman (6-6, 220), Glenn Robinson (6-7, 215) and Price. This means a switch may be in store. White and Robinson were lined up at the same end. White could move to tackle.

In listing the behmoths in the defensive line, you might be inclined to think OSU weighs 'em before it plays 'em. Not so. Two of the key players hardly riffle the scales. Both Brown and quarterback Blackman check in at 162.

The 5-11 Blackman has a lot of talent in his small frame. "He's a real, real winner," said Stanley. "He's a natural at the wishbone. Very intelligent. Makes good decisions.

He says Blackman is the player the Cowpokes could least afford to lose. They have lost him twice. At the end of his sophomore season, Blackman was felled by appendicitis. At the start of the spring game, he suffered a broken collarbone. Either, said Stanley, could have happened to a player of any size. He doesn't consider Brent brittle. He frets about a backup only because the position is so sensitive. Coy Everett, a high school quarterback reclaimed from the defense, wound up the spring in the No. 2 spot and was the hero of the spring game.

But the position belongs to Blackman. He and the wishbone were born for each other, a fact demonstrated last year when he ran for 842 yards and passed for 572. The stop watch lies in Blackman's case. It says he runs only a 4.9. But defenders left clutching air instead of Brent will testify he's quicker than that.

OSU's passing last year was at best mediocre. Blackman completed only 30 of 102. But every fifth completion was for a touchdown.

The Cowpokes have the "bomb" ingredients again. At wide receiver they have Steve Pettes (6-0, 163). He missed spring drills. He was out running 9.2 100's for the track team. Tom Stremme and Dave Rosenthal offer solid backup help.

Depth and talent is available at tight end, too, in Gant (6-4, 221) and Eddie Garrett (6-3, 221). Gant, with 4.8 speed, has all the physical tools, according to Stanley. He's caught only 16 passes in two seasons but five netted touchdowns.

Passing, however, likely will remain the least likely mode of travel for the Cowpokes. A year ago they ranked fourth in the national rushing tables with 3,497 yards. Of the 18 players who contributed to that total, 17 are back. The only one missing is the center who's errant snap cost 18 yards.

Left half Fountain Smith (5-8, 174) ranks as the prime breakaway threat. He was third on rushing tables behind Palmer and Blackman but had the best average of the regulars at 5.7 per carry. He has both speed (4.5) and maneuverability.

Alton Gerard (6-1, 195) is back at the other halfback. He has 4.7 speed. But an even faster youngster poses a challenge. That would be 4.5 speedster Ed Tisdale (6-1, 180). "He was on defense last year but has a taste for offensive play," said Stanley. "He has a lot to learn but if he keeps improving, he could be valuable."

Much of Stanley's concern centers on the offensive line. "We've got to come on there," said the coach. "Wolf and Boatwright could be as good as anybody in the league but they're not now. They've got to get stronger and quicker."

Only real poverty pocket on the entire team is at center, where the top two performers of a year ago graduated. Working there in the spring were Bruce Neph (6-2, 242), Danny Teel (6-0, 230) and Randy Floyd (6-2, 209).

"I'm not real pleased with anybody there yet," said Stanley. "The whole position is a concern. If somebody doesn't come around, we may have to shift somebody else in there. This is a very, very vital position in the wishbone."

"We're in pretty good shape in the backfield," summarizes Stanley, "but the offensive line really needs to come along to be adequate."

A veteran of 14 coaching seasons, Stanley realizes that all that blooms in the spring could wilt in the fall. He admits he has a tendancy to be too optimistic about his team. He doesn't apologize for it.

"I'm very, very proud of the people we've got," he said. "As a coach, I'm optimistic about the season. But being realistic, I can't say we have better people than a lot of teams we play. . . even though I'm overly proud of our people." 8

ALVIN BROWN, perhaps the best safety in America.

Stanley's Viewpoint...

JIM STANLEY IS NO STRANGER to Oklahoma State football. He has been a part of Cowboy teams eight of the last 11 seasons and thinks this year's vintage the best of any he has seen.

"This one," he says, "has a little more depth and speed than the others. I feel OU and Nebraska have good football teams and I don't want to sound over-optimistic, but we are optimistic. We're coming off a good spring and we had some people back (17 starters and 43 lettermen).

"The big concern right now is center. We had Bruce Neph there along with Denny Teel, a junior college All-American, and Randy Flood. Out of that bunch, one will have to come to the front, but he hasn't yet.

"That's the big area. There are lots of little things. The offensive line has got to improve on its blocking and become more consistent. We've also got to improve on the outside running game."

When you speak of offensive strength, though, you start with the backfield and, says Stanley, "There has never been this kind of backfield ability and depth since I've been here. I have to feel we're strong here."

A more experienced Wishbone offense generated by quarterback Brent Blackman and fullback George Palmer has been altered slightly to keep ahead of the defenses.

Are defenses catching up? "I think they're seeing a little more of it than they did at one time. But it still boils down to execution. We made a few changes this spring. We split out a little more and we may throw a little more.

The most pleasing aspect of spring practice, Stanley says, was defense. Why? "I think we built a good foundation last year and we're coming along like we should. Last year, I think we caused more sudden changes and big plays than anyone else in the league. We had 29 pass interceptions and I don't know how many fumbles we caused and recovered (23).

An irritation, also, has been the kicking game. It may not be relieved until a look at incoming freshmen is taken.

The conference race? "It's going to be close. I think Nebraska and Oklahoma have super teams and Colorado should be a good team. Missouri, too. And I really feel Kansas has better quality than most folks are giving them credit for.

"The race itself should be more balanced across the line." Stanley includes himself in the running, of course.

"I know what kind of personnel Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri have," he says, " and I don't want to sound like I think we've got more talent than those folks. But I feel like in most places we are very adequate, and in some places we are strong."

Laughing, Stanley once said, "Don't make me sound overly-optimistic." That plea may become increasingly hard to disguise as the season nears.

Sophs To Watch

LOMAN, UN-NOTICED AS GAINS WEIGHT AND A ST

By CHRIS RUSCHA *Oklahoma Journal*

NO ONE gave much thought to the fact that Mark Loman was redshirted last year. In fact, no one gave much thought about Loman at all until he slipped into a defensive end position last spring and began throwing his weight around.

"No one even knew who he was," remarked one close observer of the Oklahoma State spring practice. "Then all of a sudden he was tearing people's heads off."

Loman didn't have much chance to throw his weight around last year as a back-up defensive tackle. Besides that, he didn't have as much weight to throw around.

An off-season weight program beefed his 6-6 frame to 230 pounds and he became a fixture at right defensive end, a position which was left unmanned when the top three ends graduated.

"He was definitely the biggest surprise of spring practice," said one Cowboy coach.

Loman didn't really figure to be that strong a candidate for the slot. He hadn't been too impressive at tackle because he had never played inside before. But his large frame and 4.8 speed are expected to provide heft to the line and a strong pass rush.

Coy Everett, a sophomore from Shawnee, established himself as the No. 2 quarterback with a strong showing in the spring game. The importance of his role depends on the condition of starting signal caller, Brent Blackman. The 6-2, 175-pound Everett has to be ready in case Blackman should succumb to an injury as he did in the spring game when he broke his collarbone.

Everett, who was a second-team defensive back as a freshman, had an exceptional spring game. Cowboy coaches feel he has the leadership characteristics necessary to propel a team.

"He doesn't have the good speed " head coach Jim Stanley commented. "But he's intelligent, he makes good deci-

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sions and he throws the ball pretty well."

Another sophomore, James White of Hot Springs, Ark., was on the first team at the end position opposite Loman at the close of spring drills.

White, a 6-5, 229-pounder, saw action at the position last year before being hobbled by an injury. In his first start, against Baylor, White recovered three fumbles in the opening half.

"He has plenty of size and toughness," noted one Cowboy aide. "He has great ability to rush the passes."

Speedster Ed Tisdel of San Marcos, Tex., is ticketed for spot action at halfback and as a kick returner. The 6-1, 180-pounder, who runs a 4.5 40, was on the kick-off return team as a yearling.

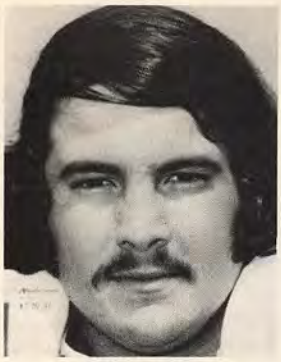
"He has good speed and he's tough," Stanley declared. "He does a good job of fielding punts and kick-offs. He could project himself into the starting picture."

Two transfers from Arizona Western Junior College will try to work into the Cowboy plans. Defensive back Reggie Pierson, with 4.6 speed and Leonard Thompson, a 6-0, 189-pounder who runs a 4.5, will try to dent the lineup. Cowboy coaches are enthusiastic about the 6-0, 180-pound Pierson.

"Pierson could be a real player," one OSU coach said. "He's got plenty of speed, good hands and he hits hard."

Thompson gained 604 yards from his halfback position last year, averaging 5.8 yards per carry and scoring seven touchdowns. Thompson is also considered a good pass receiver and kick returner.

Pierson will get plenty of competition from transfer Ed Harris in the defensive secondary. Harris, 6-1, 185, worked up to second-team cornerback in spring practice after showing good instincts and delivering some solid tackling.



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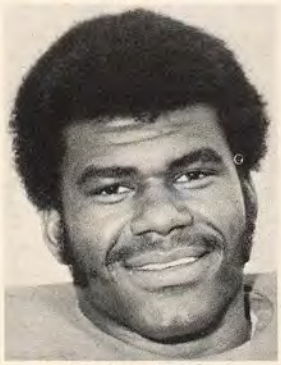

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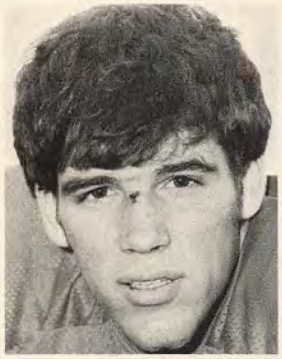

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TOM WOLF, offensive tackle—"I think last year we gained something that Oklahoma State hasn't had—winning and being a winner. It really pulled the team together. I think it'll give us momentum to make the program 10 times better. It kind of broke an albatross around our neck. We proved we could win, we won some big games and pulled some upsets. I think our defense will be super. They're so much better at this time this year than they ever were last year. The one thing the offense has got to do is put the ball in the end zone when we get into four down territory. We didn't do that a few times last year and I can think of three games that it cost us."

REUBEN GANT, tight end—"I feel like we can do better than we did last year. We're more experienced with the wishbone, therefore we can do more things with it. The wishbone, with a real good passing attack, is impossible to stop. I think we will most definitely be a title contender. I look back on last year and see the games we lost by a point or two points. There were only about 5 points difference in us being 8-3 or 9-2. We'll look back on those mistakes and we won't make them again."

BARRY PRICE, defensive tackle—"I think that our football team is probably one of the best in the nation. We've got all the material, I hope we can prove how good we are this season. We have a lot more depth this year. I think we'll work together a lot better defensively. Offensively, I can see just a couple of weaknesses. I think our offense will more or less grind yards out on the ground. They'll have the consistency to punch it out. But if we decide to pass, we've got Steve Pettes, who runs a legitimate 9.2 in the 100. He has to be one of the fastest guys in the league. In the Big Eight race, I look for us, Colorado and Nebraska."

DOUG TARRANT, linebacker—"After working with the new coaches through spring ball I think we have the best group of coaches we've ever had. Coach Richardson and Coach Phillips are the most human coaches I've ever seen. We had a lot of fun playing football this spring. It wasn't all work, there was time for joking, therefore you go in with a better frame of mind. I think we learned a lot. Nobody that I remember playing in the last two years executes the wishbone better than our offense did this spring. The feeling among ourselves is that the Big Eight title is here at hand. If we play good ball, we can take it."

CLEVELAND VANN, middle linebacker—"We realize we're going to have a good defensive squad. We lost only one regular from last year's team so we know what the other person will do. We have no doubts and we work together as a team. Offensively, we return a lot of backs from last year. Brent Blackman is an outstanding wishbone quarterback. He's real smart and despite what people say, he can take punishment.

BRENT BL
Superstar

A YEAR AGO when the Big Eight Skywriters passed through Stillwater, one of the scribes began harping on Brent Blackman's size.

"He kept telling me, 'You can't do this, you can't do that. You're too small,'" recalls Blackman. "It really burned me. I don't like anyone telling me I can't do something. I remember that guy's face. If he comes back this year, I'll tell him what I think."

It is a futile battle, Blackman realizes, for it is one he has been fighting since high school. He has always been regarded a super prospect with an asterisk. His size, they said, was his only drawback.

He is a slip of a kid, all right, standing barely 5 foot-11. In season, he weighs almost 160, but he has played at 12 pounds less, and on campus, to see him you would say his long, flowing hair and mustache make up most of it.

During the 1971 season, he had an appendectomy and a shoulder separation and missed five games. Last fall, he was hobbled by a sprained ankle for three games and played another in a sea of rain. And to think he is a running quarterback in a Wishbone offense!

His value so far to a college football team? Minimal at best, you say? Hardly.

Kenneth Brent Blackman is a senior now at Oklahoma State and if he were never to play another down there, he would still be remembered as the best quarterback the school ever had.

Statistically, he is already well up on OSU's all-time yardage lists for season rushing (842), single game rushing (173), career rushing (1,061), longest rush from scrimmage (79), season total offense (1,414) and career total offense (2,030).

One sees quickly the great quickness, the great reflexes. But Blackman has shown toughness, courage, confidence and intelligence also.

Shot full of pain-killer for an ankle sprain last year, he played all but five offensive downs at Virginia Tech.

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Blackman has wondered about that decision and so have others. Said one observer: "Has a junior ever won the Heism n? If he'd gone to OU. . . "

Says Blackman: "It's something that's always been in the back of my mind. But I might never have played a down there. And next year, we (OSU) could be right on top. Maybe it was meant for me to come here. I know it was a decision I believed in. You can never look back."

He rejected one Big Eight school because he thought it pre-judged his size as a quarterback.

"You can't ever judge a guy on just his size," says Blackman. "If I'd gone to USC, I've always had that much confidence in myself that I was going to make it." 8

Freshman Harvest

Arkansas' No. 1 Blue Chipper may shore up the Cowboys one glaring weakness and make them a legitimate contender for the championship.

By CHRIS RUSCHA *Oklahoma Journal*

WITH 17 STARTERS BACK from the team which gave Oklahoma State its first winning season in 13 years, Cowboy coaches weren't too worried about recruiting players to fill any immediate holes. But they were thinking ahead to next season when 31 seniors unlace their cleats for the last time.

"We realize that we're going to lose a lot of players next year," a Cowboy assistant noted. "So we went out and got the best athletes we could get. We feel that if a boy is an athlete, he can play somewhere."

This year, more than others, the search was expanded. The hunt included stops in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Mississippi, Arizona, New Mexico, California and New Jersey.

Heading the list is a super prospect from Arkansas who could easily be a starter in the Cowboy's defensive line by mid-season. Philip Dokes, a 6-5, 230-pound tackle from North Little Rock finally signed with Oklahoma State in late May after a lengthy deliberation. Dokes combines good speed and strength with fluid movement and is considered the best lineman to come out of Arkansas in quite a few years. He was picked as the Arkansas Player of the Year, and will be a welcome addition to the Cowboys.

One of the athletes Oklahoma State corralled was halfback Bobby Miller, considered the best of a mediocre crop of running backs in last year's Oklahoma prep ranks.

Miller (6-2, 185), who was a sprinter on his Edmond track team, used strength and a slashing running style to rack up 1,111 yards although missing four games.

Most of his yards were amassed on blasts off tackle as he served as the workhorse of an I-formation attack. Miller, who has 4.5 speed in the 40, proved his durability by carrying 33 times in one game and averaging nearly 20 rushes each Friday evening.

A big hole will be left at quarterback next season. In an effort to bolster that position the Cowboys signed three signal callers they think could run their wishbone attack.

"We're going to take a long look at all the quarterbacks," head coach Jim Stanley said. "It's very possible one of them could work into at least a backup role for us.

Jimmy Derrick (6-2, 190) of Checotah and Doug Johnson (5-10, 165) of Ponca City were selected from the state crop. Recruiters ventured into Kansas to claim Charlie Weatherbie (6-1, 190) an all-stater and honorable mention All-American from Fort Scott.

Heading the list is Weatherbie, who runs and passes with equal skill. Weatherbie, who runs a 4.7 in the 40, ran and passed for more than 3,000 yards in his last two prep campaigns.

Derrick is also considered a top prospect. Cowboy coaches feel he has more potential than Joe McReynolds, a highly regarded quarterback from Purcell who signed with Oklahoma after much deliberation.

"We think he's the best quarterback prospect in the state," said one Cowboy coach.

Derrick runs the 40 in 4.6 and averaged 10.8 yards per carry while crossing the goal line 12 times.

Johnson played split end until midway through his junior year but passed for 3,777 yards during his 17-game stint as a quarterback. Johnson, who has 9.8 speed in the 100, passed for 365 yards and ran for 108 in one game.

Another offensive hopeful is halfback Ricky Taylor (5-9, 170) of Carson, Calif. Taylor has 9,7 speed and breakaway moves. The Cowboys plucked Taylor away from UCLA.

Oklahoma State hopes to have landed a defensive sleeper from the state in linebacker Joe Avanzini (6-2, 195) of Coal gate. Avanzini, who will be utilized as a defensive back, has 4.7 speed. He was a high school headhunter, averaging 22 tackles per game.

Cowboy coaches didn't ignore linemen in their recruiting efforts. One aide feels that's the strongest part of their crop.

"The premium, this year, was on linemen," he said. "And the one thing we went for in linemen was size."

A lot of size came in one package, 6-9, 340-pound Milton Hardaway of Seguin, Tex. Hardaway is unpolished now, but the coaches feel his potential is tremendous.

"We can teach them a lot of things," Stanley said. "But we can't teach them to be 6-9 and 340 poonds. It's one of those things, if he comes thru, he'll be great."

From the East, they landed a pair of large tackles from New Jersey. Bob Ringwall (6-4, 240) was an all-state selection who will get a look both ways. Rich Latorraca (6-4, 285) is ticketed for defensive duty.

Oklahoma State signed the three best linemen in the Oklahoma City area, Jim Ledford (6-1, 225), John Boyer (6-2, 230) and David Towe (6-3, 235).

Ledford, who has 4.9 speed, will probably be a defensive end. Boyer is expected to be a defensive tackle. He has only 5.2 speed in the 40 but many observers feel there is no lineman quicker for the first 10 yards. Towe has the strength, speed and technique to be a premium offensive tackle, according to the staff.

Stanley and his staff view their recruits with guarded optimism.

"We're very proud of them," Stanley said. "It looks like a good crop. Of course, you never know how good they are until they get here but they look good on paper.

"Freshmen are going to be very valuable to us this year. I don't know how many could start but they could be valuable as backups. We'll give them a good look at every position. If they're better than what we have and we feel like they can help us, we'll sure utilize them.

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Blackman has wondered about that decision and so have others. Said one observer: "Has a junior ever won the Heism n? If he'd gone to OU. . . "

Says Blackman: "It's something that's always been in the back of my mind. But I might never have played a down there. And next year, we (OSU) could be right on top. Maybe it was meant for me to come here. I know it was a decision I believed in. You can never look back."

He rejected one Big Eight school because he thought it pre-judged his size as a quarterback.

"You can't ever judge a guy on just his size," says Blackman. "If I'd gone to USC, I've always had that much confidence in myself that I was going to make it."

OKLAHOMA STATE ROSTER and

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Abel, Marty	FB	6-2	199	Jr	Wichita, Ks
Allen, Mike	LB	6-2	200	So	Richardson, Tx
Atterberry, Duke	DG	6-0	204	Sr	Pawhuska, Ok
Babb, Lee	C	6-1	215	So	OC John Marshall
Ballard, Kent	QB	6-0	190	So	Friendswood, Tx
Barta, Dave	LB	6-2	210	Jr	Lucas, Ks
Blackman, Brent	QB	5-11	162	Sr	Tulsa Hale, Ok
Boatwright, Bon	OG	6-5	253	Sr	West Rusk, Tx
Bollenbach, Barry	LB	6-1	202	Jr	Kingfisher, Ok
Bolton, Richard	TB	5-9	175	So	Tulsa Kelly, Ok
Bosworth, Bob	PG	6-4	200	Sr	Dallas Lynch, Tx
Bowen, Steve	OT	6-3	225	So	Daingerfield, Tx
Boxell, Tony	HB	5-11	174	Sr	Odessa, Tx
Boyer, Ron	TE	6"3	213	Jr	Putnam City, OC
Brewer, Roger	TE	6-4	190	So	Edmond, Ok
Briley, Tony	LB	6-1	188	Jr	Enid, Ok
Brown, Alvin	FS	5-11	162	Sr	Ravenna, Tx
Bryan, Bill	OG	6-2	246	Sr	Elmira, NY
Bryant, Eddie	SE	6-2	177	Jr	Alma, Ark
Buck, Tony	LB	6-0	199	Jr	OC John Marshall
Burks, Randall	HB	5-10	155	So	Idabel, Ok
Butler, James	C	6-3	199	Jr	Lawton, Ok
Campbell, Jon	SE	6-0	165	So	Ada, Ok
Cartmill, Mike	FB	6-1	212	So	Edmond, Ok
Chlouber, Gary	OT	6-2	230	So	Shawnee, Ok
Christman, Scott	QB	6-j	187	Sr	Ridgecrest, Cal
Christopoulos,Tom	HB	6-0	190	So	Skokie, Ill
Clendennen, Mike	OT	6-0	210	Sr	Refugio, Tx
Clinard, Mark	QB	5-10	165	So	Harrah, Ok
Coleman, Richard	C	6-1	215	Jr	Phoenix, Ariz
Couch, Mickey	LC	6-1	185	Jr	Duncan, Ok
Davis, Britt	DE	6-5	205	So	Stillwater, Ok
Devorce, Carl	DT	6-1	240	Jr	Colorado City, Tx
Elliott, Steve	HB	6-0	180	Sr	Tulsa E. Cen, Ok
Ennis, Ray	LB	6-2	208	Sr	Clinton, Ok
Everett, Coy	QB	6-2	175	So	Shawnee, Ok
Flood, Randy	C	6-2	209	Jr	Okmulgee, Ok
Gaeddert, Tony	OG	6-3	223	Sr	OC Capitol Hill
Ganci, Bill	DT	6-2	210	Jr	Merced, Cal
Gant, Reuben	TE	6-4	221	Sr	Tulsa Wash., Ok
Garrett, Eddie	TE	6-3	221	Sr	Sand Springs, Ok
Gerard, Alton	HB	6-1	195	Sr	Salinas, Cal
Guttery, Hal	QB	6-1	178	So	Midland, Tx
Hall, Steve	SS	5-11	160	So	Stillwater, Ok
Hampton, Harold	FS	6-2	181	So	Columbus, Ga
Harris, Ed	DB	6-1	185	Jr	Indianapolis, Ind
Harris, Larry	OT	6-5	235	So	Sherman, Tx
Hudson, Jesse	LB	6-2	216	Jr	Hominy, Ok
Imhoff, Danny	DB	5-11	180	So	Putnam City, Ok
Jenkins, Larry	LB	6-2	207	So	Anadarko, Ok
Jones, Randall	DE	6-3	222	Sr	Roswell, NM
Kennedy, Mike	OG	6-4	227	Jr	Denver, Co
Kirven, Milton	SS	5-10	164	So	Ennis, Tx
Koch, Don	DE	6-3	190	So	Tulsa Webster, Ok
Lackey, Kyle	LB	6-2	190	So	Lindsay, Ok
Liddell, Mike	HB	5-10	164	Jr	Norman, Ok
Linder, Joe	FB	6-2	210	So	Putnam City, Ok
Loman, Mark	DE	6-6	220	Jr	Lindsay, Ok
Louis, Don	DE	6-4	225	Jr	Valley Mills, Tx
Lowe, Dan	DT	6-5	217	So	Bartlesville, Ok
Mitchell,Marcellous	LB	6-0	195	Jr	CArsicana, Tx
Mitchell, Mike	TB	6-0	193	So	OC McGuiness
Morgan, Ron	FB	5-11	197	So	Watonga, Ok
Moses, Sam	OG	6-4	194	So	Richardson, Tx
Mosley, Wade	DT	5-11	230	So	Watonga, Ok
Nelms,Alfred	HB	6-1	185	Jr	Ft. Worth, Tx
Neph, Bruce	C	6-3	242	So	Stillwater, Ok
Netznik, Jeff	QB	6-3	206	So	Skokie, Ill
Nickel, Mike	K	5-11	190	So	Tulsa E. Cen, Ok
Nunn, James	FB	6-1	198	Sr	Austin, Tx
Ogilvie, Clark	LB	6-1	214	Sr	Berryhill, Ok
Palmer, George	FB	6-1	212	Jr	El Reno, Ok
Parker, Tom	DE	6-1	189	So	Hugo, Ok
Payne, Calvin	OG	6-3	251	Sr	St. Louis, Mo
Pettes, Steve	SE	6-0	163	Sr	Las Cruces, NM
Price, Barry	DT	6-1	238	Sr	Midwest City, Ok
Price, Brent	DT	6-1	235	So	Midwest City, Ok
Ritz, Gene	OT	6-1	230	Jr	Putnam City, Ok
Rivers, Richard	HB	6-0	191	Jr	Kingfisher, Ok
Roberts, Allen	DE	6-0	210	So	Miami, Ok
Robinson, Brent	LB	6-0	200	So	Dallas, Tx
Robinson, Glenn	DE	6-7	214	Sr	Dallas, Tx
Rosenthal, Dave	SE	5-8	149	Sr	Tulsa Mem., Ok
Shephard, Bob	LC	5-11	176	Jr	OC US Grant
Simpson, Kimbal	C	6-2	218	So	South Garland, Tx
Smith, Fountain	HB	5-8	174	Jr	Midland, Tx
Smith, Isaac	LC	6-0	178	Sr	Ft. Worth, Tx
Smith, James	OT	6-2	208	Jr	Midland, Tx
Smith, Terry	TE	6-3	184	So	Putnam City W, Ok
Sparks, John	DE	6-2	210	Jr	Davis, Ok
Spencer, Ron	DB	5-11	180	So	Tulsa E. Cen, Ok
Spiller, Glen	C	6-1	223	Jr	Amarillo, Tx
Stewart, Darryll	RC	6-1	170	Sr	Austin, Tx
Stone, Monte	DE	6-3	210	So	Wichita Falls,Tx
Stover, Lee	SS	6-1	182	Sr	Amarillo, Tx
Stremme, Tom	SE	6-2	198	Sr	Tulsa Hale, Ok
Tarrant, Doug	LB	6-2	198	Sr	Jet, Ok
Tate, Ron	DT	6-3	257	Sr	Salinas, Cal
Teel, Denny	C	6-0	230	Jr	Phoenix, Ariz
Terry, Mike	LC	5-11	176	Jr	Lindsay, Ok
Tisdel, Ed	HB	6-1	180	So	San Marcos, Tx
Troutt, Jeff	QB	6-3	199	Jr	Helena, Ok
Vann, Cleveland	LB	6-1	216	Sr	Seguin, Tx
White, Archie	HB	6-0	205	Sr	Leonard, Tx
White, James	DE	6-5	229	So	Hot Springs, Ark
Wilkey, Travis	FS	6-2	180	Sr	Bartlesville, Ok
Wolf, Tom	OT	6-5	240	Jr	OC McGuiness

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

ALFRED NELMS
(6-1, 185 Jr)
STEVE ELLIOTT
(6-0, 180 Sr)
ALTON GERARD
(6-1, 195 Sr)

FOUNTAIN SMITH
(5-8, 174 Jr)
Tony Boxell
(5-11, 174 Sr)

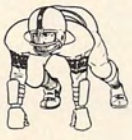
GEORGE PALMER
(6-1, 212 Jr)
James Nunn
(6-1, 198 Sr)

BRENT BLACKMAN
(5-11, 162 Sr)
Coy Everett
(6-2, 175 So)

REUBEN GANT
(6-4, 221 Sr)
EDDIE GARRETT
(6-3, 221 Sr)

MIKE CLENDENNEN
(6-0, 210 Sr)
Gene Ritz
(6-1, 230 Jr)

BON BOATWRIGHT
(6-5, 253 Sr)
Mike Kennedy
(6-4, 227 Jr)



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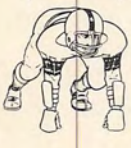
Denny Teel
(6-0, 230 Jr)

CALVIN PAYNE
(6-2, 251 Sr)
Gary Chlouber
(6-2, 230 So)



TOM WOLF
(6-5, 240 Jr)
Phillip Shannon
(6-4, 230 So)

TOM STREMME
(6-2, 198 Sr)
STEVE PETTES
(6-0, 163 Sr)

JAMES WHITE
(6-5, 229 So)
Don Louia
(6-4, 225 Jr)
Philip Dokes
(6-5, 230 Fr)

BARRY PRICE
(6-1, 238 Sr)
Randall Jones
(6-3, 222 Sr)

Carl Devocce
(6-1, 240 Jr)
Allen Roberts
(6-0, 210 So)

Mark Loman
(6-6, 220 Jr)
GLENN ROBINSON
(6-7, 214 Sr)

DOUG TARRANT
(6-2, 198 Sr)
JESSE HUDSON
(6-2, 216 Jr)

CLEVELAND VANN
(6-1, 216 Sr)
Clark Ogilvie
(6-1, 214 Sr)

TONY BUCK
(6-0, 199 Jr)
RAY ENNIS
(6-2, 208 Sr)

MIKE TERRY
(5-11, 176 Jr)
Ed Harris
(6-1, 185 Jr)

LEE STOVER
(6-1 182 Sr)
Marcellous Mitchell
(6-0, 195 Jr)

ALVIN BROWN
(5-11, 162 Sr)
Travis Wilkey
(6-2, 180 Sr)

DARRYLL STEWART
(6-1, 170 Sr)
Bob Shephard
(5-11, 176 Jr)

Freshman Harvest

Arkansas' No. 1 Blue Chipper may shore up the Cowboys one glaring weakness and make them a legitimate contender for the championship.

By CHRIS RUSCHA *Oklahoma Journal*

WITH 17 STARTERS BACK from the team which gave Oklahoma State its first winning season in 13 years, Cowboy coaches weren't too worried about recruiting players to fill any immediate holes. But they were thinking ahead to next season when 31 seniors unlace their cleats for the last time.

"We realize that we're going to lose a lot of players next year," a Cowboy assistant noted. "So we went out and got the best athletes we could get. We feel that if a boy is an athlete, he can play somewhere."

This year, more than others, the search was expanded. The hunt included stops in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Mississippi, Arizona, New Mexico, California and New Jersey.

Heading the list is a super prospect from Arkansas who could easily be a starter in the Cowboy's defensive line by mid-season. Philip Dokes, a 6-5, 230-pound tackle from North Little Rock finally signed with Oklahoma State in late May after a lengthy deliberation. Dokes combines good speed and strength with fluid movement and is considered the best lineman to come out of Arkansas in quite a few years. He was picked as the Arkansas Player of the Year, and will be a welcome addition to the Cowboys.

One of the athletes Oklahoma State corralled was halfback Bobby Miller, considered the best of a mediocre crop of running backs in last year's Oklahoma prep ranks.

Miller (6-2, 185), who was a sprinter on his Edmond track team, used strength and a slashing running style to rack up 1,111 yards although missing four games.

Most of his yards were amassed on blasts off tackle as he served as the workhorse of an I-formation attack. Miller, who has 4.5 speed in the 40, proved his durability by carrying 33 times in one game and averaging nearly 20 rushes each Friday evening.

A big hole will be left at quarterback next season. In an effort to bolster that position the Cowboys signed three signal callers they think could run their wishbone attack.

"We're going to take a long look at all the quarterbacks," head coach Jim Stanley said. "It's very possible one of them could work into at least a backup role for us.

Jimmy Derrick (6-2, 190) of Checotah and Doug Johnson (5-10, 165) of Ponca City were selected from the state crop. Recruiters ventured into Kansas to claim Charlie Weatherbie (6-1, 190) an all-stater and honorable mention All-American from Fort Scott.

Heading the list is Weatherbie, who runs and passes with equal skill. Weatherbie, who runs a 4.7 in the 40, ran and passed for more than 3,000 yards in his last two prep campaigns.

Derrick is also considered a top prospect. Cowboy coaches feel he has more potential than Joe McReynolds, a highly regarded quarterback from Purcell who signed with Oklahoma after much deliberation.

"We think he's the best quarterback prospect in the state," said one Cowboy coach.

Derrick runs the 40 in 4.6 and averaged 10.8 yards per carry while crossing the goal line 12 times.

Johnson played split end until midway through his junior year but passed for 3,777 yards during his 17-game stint as a quarterback. Johnson, who has 9.8 speed in the 100, passed for 365 yards and ran for 108 in one game.

Another offensive hopeful is halfback Ricky Taylor (5-9, 170) of Carson, Calif. Taylor has 9,7 speed and breakaway moves. The Cowboys plucked Taylor away from UCLA.

Oklahoma State hopes to have landed a defensive sleeper from the state in linebacker Joe Avanzini (6-2, 195) of Coal gate. Avanzini, who will be utilized as a defensive back, has 4.7 speed. He was a high school headhunter, averaging 22 tackles per game.

Cowboy coaches didn't ignore linemen in their recruiting efforts. One aide feels that's the strongest part of their crop.

"The premium, this year, was on linemen," he said. "And the one thing we went for in linemen was size."

A lot of size came in one package, 6-9, 340-pound Milton Hardaway of Seguin, Tex. Hardaway is unpolished now, but the coaches feel his potential is tremendous.

"We can teach them a lot of things," Stanley said. "But we can't teach them to be 6-9 and 340 poonds. It's one of those things, if he comes thru, he'll be great."

From the East, they landed a pair of large tackles from New Jersey. Bob Ringwall (6-4, 240) was an all-state selection who will get a look both ways. Rich Latorraca (6-4, 285) is ticketed for defensive duty.

Oklahoma State signed the three best linemen in the Oklahoma City area, Jim Ledford (6-1, 225), John Boyer (6-2, 230) and David Towe (6-3, 235).

Ledford, who has 4.9 speed, will probably be a defensive end. Boyer is expected to be a defensive tackle. He has only 5.2 speed in the 40 but many observers feel there is no lineman quicker for the first 10 yards. Towe has the strength, speed and technique to be a premium offensive tackle, according to the staff.

Stanley and his staff view their recruits with guarded optimism.

"We're very proud of them," Stanley said. "It looks like a good crop. Of course, you never know how good they are until they get here but they look good on paper.

"Freshmen are going to be very valuable to us this year. I don't know how many could start but they could be valuable as backups. We'll give them a good look at every position. If they're better than what we have and we feel like they can help us, we'll sure utilize them.

"Everybody said last year that no freshmen could play in the Big Eight," he remarked. "But there sure were a lot of folks who had them playing."

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his return to practice, Lucious became disillusioned after a scolding from Chuck Fairbanks and quit—for a few hours. Following a reassuring conference with Fairbanks, Lucious rejoined the squad.

Because the brothers are so close, had Lucious quit on an unhappy note it is unlikely the Sooners would have ever landed LeRoy and Dewey (who are roommates). As it was, their senior year at Eufaula coincided with Lucious' splashy sophomore season at OU and there was little doubt where they would enroll. Unlike Lucious, Dewey and LeRoy received considerable publicity and blue chip recruiting attention.

Dewey is 11 months older than LeRoy. But because his birthday is in November, Dewey was delayed starting school until he was almost seven, and thus became LeRoy's classmate and often a spokesman for both. Of the recruiting rush, Dewey said, "We wanted to play together with Lucious, but we did consider Colorado and Rice."

The brothers were big for their age, Lucious thinks, because of the plowing and other farm chores they were required to do. Their father has been disabled from a stroke "for as long as I can remember," Lucious said, "and we had to take care of everything. But daddy and mother correlated everything better than any two people I ever heard of. I'm awfully proud of them." The brothers played football with a tin can in their mother's flower beds and Dewey said, "we always played by Lucious' rules until LeRoy and I realized he was making them up for his own advantage." Lucious' first opportunity to play supervised football came when he entered high school, the year after Eufaula integrated. Football was secondary to his work, Lucious said, until he realized it was a way to college.

He still had doubts about his ability as a freshman at OU. In his first freshman practice, Lucious was assigned defensive end and fullback. "But I was a defensive end when the practice started and I was a defensive end when it ended," he said. "I never practiced a down at fullback." OU's 1971 defensive line was so thin Lucious was unable to have the redshirt year Fairbanks thought he needed. Injuries forced him to play, and develop. By the fifth game (Colorado), he became a starting tackle and was an instant sensation. Last year he moved to nose guard and had his best games against Texas and Nebraska. He scored the game-turning touchdown against Texas by recovering a blocked quick kick in the end zone. He was credited with the fumble recovery that set up OU's winning field goal against Nebraska. But, he corrects, "Raymond Hamilton made the recovery."

Lucious insists he does not feel any pressure to out perform his brothers. "I am stimulated by the fact they will be playing beside me, and I would like to make All-America and be the family leader. But I am not interested in trying to set records just to out-do LeRoy and Dewey. They'll do all right before they are through."

LeRoy admitted, "it crosses my mind that people are expecting an awful lot from me, from all of us. But I don't worry about it. I'm just going to try and do my best." He learned last year his best was more than he had envisioned. He and Dewey did not wish to try out with the varsity. "I just hoped we could make the freshman team," LeRoy said. But depth problems on the varsity prompted their promotions. LeRoy immediately overpowered the experienced second teamers. Choosing his words carefully, he said, "I was surprised that I could perform like that."

Dewey, a third team nose guard last year, figured to play in the offensive line this year for two reasons. There were plenty of openings to utilize the blocking ability he displayed as a fullback, and it would lessen the possibilities of a clannish problem on defense. "But the best linemen have to play defensive tackle," Switzer said, "and Dewey won the job. I'm sure not going to move him just because his name is Selmon. There won't be any problem, not with those three."

Switzer realized the words he had just used. He laughed and added, "I should say there won't be any problems for us with all three of the Selmons in there on defense. They're going to cause a heckuva lot of problems for everybody we play." ⑧

LEROY IS THE BEST line prospect in OU history, his coaches believe.

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tackle Anthony Bryant, who signed with Oklahoma. The 6-4, 240-pounder has been clocked in 4.9 for the 40.

"He's agile, mobile and hostile," sums up Washington. "He averaged 11 tackles a game. He was one of the best around. He's an unbelieveable college prospect. There were around 80 schools that contacted him." Switzer believes Bryant could help shore-up his offensive line worries, even as a freshman.

Iowa State inked an All-American with the signature of Scott Smith of Jefferson High in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Smith, who was named to both the Scholastic Coach and Sunkist All-American squads, stands 6-3, weighs 240 and runs the 40 in 4.9.

"He's a great defensive player," said his coach Joe Fisk. "We had less than 30 points scored on us this year and he was our leader. He should make a real fine college player."

Rounding out the offensive line are Bob Hayes of Bakersfield, Calif. (Nebraska), Mike Butler of Washington D. C. (Kansas) and Tom Dela Hunt (Kansas State).

Hayes, 6-6, 265 pounds, who is "very mobile, quick and aggressive," according to Husker head coach Tom Osborne, was recruited heavily by Southern Cal and UCLA.

Butler is 6-6 and 235 pounds. He was named player of the year by the Washington Touchdown Club. Dela Hunt is another product the Big Eight stole from California. The 6-4, 225-pounder has 4.8 speed in the 40.

Leading the star-studded defensive brigade is noseguard Stan Waldemore of Essex Catholic High in Newark, N.J. Waldemore, who was signed by Nebraska, was named to the Scholastic Coach, Sunkist and Coach and Athlete All-American teams. He's 6-5, 255 pounds and runs the 40 in 4.9.

"He was recruited by every major college in the country," said Essex Catholic coach Bob Taglieri. "The coach at Boston College said he was the best line prospect in the east. Everyone ran away from him this year. The Nebraska coaches say he will play an awful lot of defense this year "on the varsity."

During the spring Waldemore was hit in the head by a shot putt and has 12 stitches. He came back the next week to throw the shot 60 feet, which was the best mark in New Jersey.

Manning the tackle spots are Chez Evans of Seminole, Okla. and Morris Townes of St. Louis.

"Chez should be a great one," said Oklahoma recruiting chief Jerry Pettibone. "He has quite a bit of natural ability. He could give us reserve strength this year." Evans is 6-3, 270 and runs the 40 in 5.2.

Missouri thinks Townes can help their defense immediately. The 6-5, 275-pounder was honored as a Scholar-Athlete by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Tiger coaches are eyeing him as a middle guard. He runs the 40 in a fleet 4.9.

"We are not going to put varsity pressure on any of our freshmen," says Onofrio. "But if he qualifies and wants a chance, then we'll give him one."

Chosen as the ends are Vic Brown of Newark, N.J. and Phil Dokes of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Oklahoma State coaches think they may have their finest defensive prospect in Dokes, a 6-5, 230-pounder. "The best line prospect to come out of this state in recent years," said one Arkansas scribe. Dokes narrowed his choices down to Arkansas and OSU before picking O-State.

Brown is a 6-4, 210-pounder from Weequahic High in Newark, N.J. He covers the 40 in 4.9.

"He's probably one of the best linebackers I have ever coached," said Berney Adams. "He's just as good as Willie Lewis who just signed with the Miami Dolphins. He narrowed his choices down to Nebraska and Oklahoma. But when he visited Nebraska they treated him like an animal. He didn't want that."

Topping the linebacking group is Obie Moore, who Oklahoma stole from Darrell Royal's backyard of Austin. Moore, regarded as the top linebacking prospect in the prep ranks of Texas last year, is 6-0, 207 and runs the 40 in 4.8.

"He could be a great one," says Oklahoma defensive boss Larry Lacewell. "He has great quickness and likes to hit."

Also named as linebackers are Theopolis Bryant of Tigton, Ga. and Ron Ghrist of Pittsfield, Ill. Kansas State coach Vince Gibson calls Bryant "a super prospect." He's a 6-1 via 240 pounds and has excellent quickness.

Missouri signed Ghrist, a 6-2, 221-pounder who does the 40 in 4.8. "Could help us some next year. He moves real well," said one Missouri coach.

Named to the defensive backfield were four players who were also offensive standouts: Tom Tesone of Cherry Creek, Colo. (Colorado), Vernon Davis of West Palm Beach, Fla. (Iowa State), Ricky Taylor of Carson, Calif. (Oklahoma State) and Melvin Johnson of Houma, La. (Colorado).

Tesone was the top prep quarterback in Colorado as he gained 1,286 yards on 132 carries and completed 68 passes on 128 tries for 855 yards.

"Before the season began Tom narrowed down the schools he wanted to go to to Colorado, Nebraska, Texas, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, UCLA and New Mexico. That kept some of the pressure off of him," said coach and dad Fred Tesone. "He finally picked Colorado over Nebraska and Texas."

Another find for the Buffaloes is Johnson. As a senior, Johnson who has done the 100 in 9.3, rushed for 1,075 yards and 16 touchdowns while garnering all-state accolades. Johnson also did the 100 in a 9.4 and two 9.5's during the spring."

Taylor is a top-notch running back from California that OSU skipper Jim Stanley is very high on. "We think he could be the top back we signed. He has great speed and moves," said Stanley.

Rounding out the defensive backfield is Davis, a 9.5 sprinter. "I think Davis is the best all-around prospect...the best high school athlete I've ever recruited," said Iowa State receiver coach Ray Greene.

Some of the other players who narrowly missed being selected for the team were backs Doug Simcik of Northglenn, Colo. (Oklahoma), Jason Justice of LaMarque, Tex. (Nebraska), Garland Gipson of Lawton, Okla. (Kansas State), Billy Waddy of Bolling, Tex. (Colorado), Tony Hawkins of Syracuse, N.Y. and Joe McReynolds of Purcell, Okla. (Oklahoma) and Bobby Miller of Edmond, Okla. (Oklahoma State).

Other top linemen and linebackers were Greg Fields of San Francisco, Calif. (Nebraska), Scott Hertenstein of Covina, Calif. (Nebraska), Dave Gillespie of Saratoga, Calif. (Nebraska), Jeff Cox of Lakewood, Colo. (Oklahoma), Joel Yearian of Woodridge, Ill. (Missouri) and Joe Safin of East Sioux City, Iowa (Iowa State).

A New-Look Offense Tailored for New Gems at Quarterback

MISSOURI *from page 26*

He was a pleasant surprise of the spring game, showing himself to have an arm that compared to Cherry's and much quicker feet as he passed for one TD and ran for another in losing, 26-14, to the squad led by Pisarkiewicz.

Smith and Pisarkiewicz will go into autumn drills rated evenly just behind Cherry, who needed surgery for a torn tendon of the right thumb as spring drills ended. If Cherry falters, one of them will replace him quickly.

Ray Bybee, 5-11, 205-pounder was Missouri's most effective running back last fall with a 5.1-yard average for 88 carries, despite a troublesome knee. Successful surgery last spring seemed to assure Mizzou excellent fullbacking from the rugged junior.

The speed is at tailback where Reamon (6-0, 195) is rated at 9.8 seconds and Leroy Moss (5-9, 193) can also shade 10 flat. Most promising soph is Chris Hoskins (6-0, 200) of Caruthersville, who set a Missouri record in the 60-yard dash with a 6.2 clocking.

The No. 1 slotback and the player who would take over at tailback if Reamon were injured is 205-pound junior Bill Ziegler who spent most of 1972 on the injured list. His 4.6 speed in the 40 is adequate rather than outstanding but he does everything well and could have a great season.

The offensive line will be built around cocaptain Jim Schnietz (6-4, 245) senior tackle from St. Louis and senior center Scott Anderson (6-4, 240) from Hannibal (see story, page 112), both of whom have started since they were sophomores.

Seniors Mike Levick (6-2, 220), and Kelley Curbow (6-5, 250) and junior college transfer Don Buck (6-3, 225) complete the internal line with tight end and split end the problem areas.

There is no dearth of Big Eight hands and Big Eight moves at split end but the four players rated virtually equal at the position—senior Jim Sharp and sophs Henry Marshall, Mark Miller and Ted Beckett might not average 10 seconds flat in the dash.

To get the needed "wide out" speed, Onofrio will look at Canadian freshman Doug DeNike (6-3, 180) who has a 9.4 dash to his credit.

Although John Kelsey (6-6, 235) started at tight end for the last two years, Onofrio switched him to tackle behind Curbow for next fall. In Don Muse (6-4, 215), Onofrio believes he has the better pair of hands although he'll still look at Marshall (6-2, 200) at tight as well as split end.

The change in defense, begun last year, was completed in the spring and was drastic. Why should Mizzou, the team that led the nation in defense against scoring for a decade beginning in 1960, abandon procedures that had been so successful?

Clay Cooper, MU's assistant head coach whose primary concern is defense, can handle that one in detail.

"There have been as many as a dozen receivers in the conference with 9.4-second speed. How do you recruit defensive backs capable of handling that kind of wide out pressure, man-to-man?

"And offensive linemen have improved in size and mobility until they could pick up our rush and protect their passer. Part of it was, they were 'scheming' us better. They were beginning to roll away from our rush and double block on the other side to give their man time to throw.

The glamor positions on Missouri defenses had always been the crashing ends. Steve Schreiber (6-3, 215) and Dave Johnston (6-4, 225) are lettermen and look like good ones. But they'll have to share the glory with the middle guard this time—a new position as Mizzou moves to the "odd" or "fifty" alignment favored by most other teams in the conference.

Onofrio favors the massive-type middle guard (see Missouri freshmen, page 116) and Frank Caldwell (6-1, 230), a senior letterman switched from tackle, was the standout defender of the spring game as he made himself thoroughly at home at the new position.

The Tigers appear to have no problem at tackle as juniors Dennis Vanarsdall (6-1, 200) and Mark Johnson (6-3 225) will pair. Although the Tiger linemen are never timed in dashes, thus eliminating a valuable source of reference, these tackles appear very quick as do their immediate reserves.

Of the three deep defenders with which Mizzou started last season, only senior John Moseley was able to hold onto his job in the conversion to four-deep. He's the cornerback and No. 1 kick and punt returner.

Tony Gillick, No. 2 quarterback last year, will go into fall drills as No. 1 safety, with a half-dozen speedy sophomores and juniors competing for the other two posts.

Missouri linebacking will be solid with Scott Pickens, a quick, 6-2, 215-pounder looking more and more like one of the best in the conference.

The Tigers, with 4 returning starters (eight on offense) should move up. Their schedule, with contenders Nebraska, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State due to visit Columbia, is far more inviting than last year when these, plus Notre Dame were encountered on the road.

The Tigers do not hope to compete with Nebraska but might with Oklahoma, due to severe losses to graduation and official censure suffered by the Sooners. With all other Big Eight teams, Missouri should rate at least equal. 8

SCOTT PICKENS evades Tom Brahaney to collar the Sooners' Washington.

Onofrio's Viewpoint . . .

A SMILE IS STEADY and frequent from Al Onofrio. Familiar faces— only eight playing seniors have graduated—will dot the Missouri Tiger flip card this fall. And instead of a 1-10 record of two seasons ago Mizzou is looking ahead to improvement on the 6-6 mark of last year that wound up with a berth in the Fiesta Bowl.

"Each year is a new year," began the Tiger boss, who is in his third season as head coach. "Coming into last year we were 1-10 and we had a lot of people we didn't know anything about. We set our goals and we will continue to work through our new defensive alignment. Last year we lacked continuity but we went a long way toward developing individuals and the program with the offense and defense."

Changes in the defensive and offensive alignments are the keys to whatever success the Tigers might enjoy this season. But while the team left a favorable impression in its spring game, Onofrio footnoted: "We are still playing against ourselves."

A tinge of optimism but also a word of caution.

"Defensively," Onofrio said, "we are pleased with the 5–man line and zone coverage. We are pleased with the way we have adjusted. Offensively, we will be more flexible just by the very nature of the Power-I and Wishbone. We have taken a simple offense. It's flexible and we are going to take advantage of the people we have in the backfield.

Improvement is necessary in the kicking game, Onofrio made clear, but he has steady stand-in Greg Hill, who has won umpteen games with his talented toe. The punting job has all but been turned over to Jim Goble, a sophomore.

"We have to go to work on all phases," Onofrio interjected. "No one ever thinks about the kicking game until it loses for you. One-tenth of the kicking game is execution, coverage and blocking. We have not had much of a chance to work on that. Kicking will be at the top of our list this fall."

Onofrio, who joined the Tigers in 1958 as an assistant coach, has discounted the fact he has overhauled the offense—from a Wishbone to the Power-I. The Tigers used the Wishbone effectively in upsets last year over Notre Dame, Colorado and Iowa State but they still went to the Power-I in crucial situations.

"It looks like we have a good passing attack to compliment our power running and I think we have made strides in the right direction," Onofrio said. "I feel pretty good. We worked hard —we worked under adverse conditions (Rain soaked the midlands this spring, enough for Onofrio to say, "The spring game was the only nice day we had to scrimmage.") We have more depth in the backfield than last year but I think we're going to have to be patient with our progress."

Sophs To Watch

REAL ESTATE DEAL COULD PAY DIVIDENDS FOR MISSOURI IN '73

By RICH SAMBOL *Kansas City Star*

AL ONOFRIO is hoping history will repeat itself—or at least take a hint from what turned out to be the smartest move the Tiger coach has ever made. Then it was Greg Hill, now it is Mark Miller.

Greg Hill, of course, is the Tigers' field-goal, extra point kicker supreme. Mark Miller is a junior-college transfer from Mesa, Ariz., who has a chance to play this fall at split end.

"When I left Arizona State (to join M.U. as an assistant) 15 years ago we sold the house to a Miller," Onofrio related. "We were in Columbia when the house was sold and I had no idea it was Mark's mother who bought the house. All I knew was the name—Miller."

Hill didn't live in Onofrio's house but it was the next best thing.

"Greg Hill lived next door to us and he played football for eight years with my kids," Onofrio continued. "He came out on his own the year I took over. That was the smartest move I have ever made."

Onofrio chuckled. But he was dead serious when he talked about Miller's ability. "He has demonstrated that he is a quick pass receiver," the coach said. "Defensively, he could play this fall and help us." Miller, a sophomore, stands 6-2 and weighs 185 pounds. In the spring game he caught four passes for 49 yards.

Ray Smith has been exposed to the Tiger's system since last year, but this time around the 200-pound junior signal caller from Santa Maria, Calif., should make his presence felt. With John Cherry, the regular quarterback, out of the spring game because of injury, Smith stepped in and directed two first-half touchdowns.

"Last year he was injured the week before the Oregon game (M.U.'s opener)," Onofrio said, explaining why the junior-college transfer was redshirted. "He could be a great player. He is much the same as John Cherry."

RAY SMITH

STEVE PISARKIEWICZ

Quarterbacks are a quantity of which the Tigers are not short. Steve Pisarkiewicz, the guy with a name that will make headline writers take a couple of aspirin before heading into the office on a football Saturday, has been billed by some as the greatest passer to hit the Columbia campus since the late Paul Christman unleashed his golden arm in 1938-39-40.

"Pisarkiewicz has made progress with his running and passing!" Onofrio said. Pisarkiewicz's team, after getting off to a slow start, won the spring game, 26-14, and one of the three third-quarter touchdowns came on a 37-yard, thread-the-needle pass.

In keeping with the size of M.U.'s backs, Pisarkiewicz is much more than a midget, The Furguson, Mo., sophomore carries 210 pounds on his 6-foot-3 frame. Smith stands 6-2. "Our quarterbacks are sturdy," Onofrio smiled, including Cherry (6-0, 200) on the list. "All of them have strong arms."

Players who could produce something positive this fall are Don Buck, Henry Marshall and Mike Owens.

Buck, an offensive guard from Grossmont Junior College in San Diego, is 6-2, 230 and a junior. "He has had to learn the system," Onofrio said, "but he can pull well and has made steady progress. He's a good offensive lineman, a quick and strong blocker."

Marshall is a 6-3, 195-pound sophomore from Shaw AFB, S.C. He played tight end exclusively during spring drills but has the speed and the capability to handle the split-end position. "He has good hands and is one of our best receivers," Onofrio said. In the spring scrimmage Marshall caught two passes for 25 yards.

Onofrio expects help in the line to come from Mike Owens, a sophomore from Jackson, Miss. Owens, a 6-4, 237 pounder, was listed as an offensive tackle in the spring but it will not be surprising to find him over the ball this fall. "He has demonstrated good ability," Onofrio evaluated, "and we are hoping he will give us some depth in our offensive line."

JOHN CHERRY

SCOTT ANDERSON

JIM SCHNIETZ

JOHN MOSELEY

RAY BYBEE

SOUNDING OFF

JOHN CHERRY, quarterback—"We are three steps ahead of last year, mainly because we have a lot of experience on offense. That makes it a lot easier....I know I'm not the only quarterback on this team. The competition is tough but I like it that way. It will keep me a little sharper....There is no more Big Three. It's more like the Big Four or Five. There's Iowa State, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma. It looks like a wide open race and I hope we are right in it."

SCOTT ANDERSON, center—"I'm very optimistic and looking forward to a good year. Last season was a stepping stone after that tragedy of the year before. All of us on offense have played together for a couple of years. We just want to go out and play football....I'm very pleased with my move from guard to center. I played some center in high school so it really wasn't that much of a change. I haven't handled the ball in quite a while so it has been some fun....It was evident in spring drills everyone wants to bring back Missouri football fhe way it used to be."

JIM SCHNIETZ, offensive tackle—"We started our spring drills slow because of the weather. We made progress and we were doing O.K. at the end. We have a lot of things to work on, like the punting and kicking games, but we are all looking forward to a pretty good year. It's hard to make any prediction and I don't want to say how many games we will win but I will say I think we will be in contention for the Big Eight title....We have an outstanding backfield. We have two years of experience on the line and we will be sound there, providing there are no injuries.... It is all power blocking and pulling so I think everybody is adjusting to the switch to the Power-I from the Wishbone."

JOHN MOSELEY, defensive back—"It's very easy to get over optimistic. We've got a new defense, made changes in the offense and if we improve we should be in contention. But, as I said, it's too easy to get over optimistic....The whole philosophy— that's the big change for me in the secondary. In the zone, now, I'm always watching the quarterback and checking the receiver once in a while. I was always trained to stare down the wide receiver. With the zone we should get more interceptions and we should have more defenders around the ball."

RAY BYBEE, fullback—"The change in offense creates a different role for one, one where I'll primarily be a blocker but I hope to perform well enough in that role and run the ball when they need me. I am happy with the way the offense is set up. . . We have a lot of returning members on our football team and we are out to accomplish something. I am optimistic but I would rather keep it to quiet determination rather than talking about it too much."

ANDERSON'S ENCORE

JOHN KADLEC, Missouri's offensive line coach, whistled dead the tackle-trap drill that was enlivening the crisp spring afternoon long enough to call aside Scott Anderson, his center.

Anderson, towering over his coach, jerked his chin curtly to acknowledge Kadlec's instruction but his eyes never left the drill. Blood trickled thinly from two deep gouges in his nose.

SCOTT ANDERSON National Lineman of the Week for his play against Notre Dame.

"They tell me your on someones pre-season All-American team," quipped Kadlec. "You know what that means?"

"Not a thing unless you go out and do it," responded Anderson.

At 6-4, 240 pounds, Scott Anderson is bigger than any center to ever play for Missouri. And he's experienced.

Anderson came into his own as a Missouri lineman last year in the Notre Dame game. He was Sports Illustrated's choice as lineman of the week and picked up other honors as well in what, considering Missouri's 63-0 defeat at the hands of Nebraska one week earlier, was 1972's wildest upset.

"I got the recognition for that game," said Anderson, but all our guys should have. Anyhow it was a highlight . . . .almost THE highlight of my life so far. I could feet it coming on.

"We didn't have much to say after that Nebraska thing. But before Notre Dame . . . .you know how you get spirited before a game? Well, we were especially spirited.

"After we scored the first time, all at once we knew we could win it. Then we went in the next time too. We went the first three times we had the ball. They just couldn't stop us.

"We weren't breaking big 50-yard touchdown gainers. Gosh, these were drives, 17 plays or like that. We just pounded, pounded, pounded. When you do that, you know it's not luck. You gain confidence, the backs in the linemen and the linemen in the backs.

"We went into that dressing room at halftime knowing we were going to win and we just went nuts. I've seen a lot of nutty guys. I mean, you just can't explain it. This was the most nutty group I've ever seen . . . .

"Colorado (the next week) was just as exciting. Beating Colorado helped us even more than beating Notre Dame because when you beat two nationally ranked teams back-to-back when you're the underdog, nobody can say it was luck."

Despite losses to Kansas and Arizona State (Fiesta Bowl) that came later, Anderson is convinced that nobody but Oklahoma stopped Mizzou's offense after it finally clicked against Notre Dame at South Bend.

"The Sooners had the best defense I've ever faced even though we did score a touchdown against 'em," he said. "Mostly though, we couldn't get it past midfield and we were tryin'."

Anderson is comfortable at center.

"Snapping the ball is something I've always done," he said, "even in junior high. When I got promoted to the A team, I still had to dress for B team games, just to snap the ball on punts. When I was a sophomore in high school, about all I did was snap. Then I was the regular center as a junior.

"As for our formation change (from the wishbone back to the I-formation), line rules don't change that much. You always go out and try to block a guy as long as you can anyhow."

Punt formation had a lot to do with Anderson's being sought by Mizzou. Not Hannibal's punt formation but the other team's. Scott, an end on defense, blocked a record six punts his senior year. Al Onofrio, then MU defensive coach under Dan Devine, recruited him as a defensive end.

"But I was only an end for two weeeks on the freshman squad," remembered Anderson, "before I was back on offense snapping the ball again. There is really nothing to a deep punt snap except concentration. It's like a three-foot putt in golf. It looks like anybody should be able to make it but you still have to get out there and do it."

THE BIG EIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP! "But that's like being a preseason All-American. You've got to go out and do it."

By BILL BECK *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

movie version of a Viking captain. He is a Scotch, not a Scandinavian Anderson, however.

"And I mixed in some German this last time," said Don Anderson, Scott's father. He was referring to Mrs. Anderson, Neva Dell. Scott has three sisters but his household was still football-oriented.

"You see, I was a football coach," said the older Anderson. "Then I decided if I was going to make a living. . .

Don (Diz) Anderson was a star athlete at Southeast Missouri State (Cape Girardeau). He won a tryout with the Chicago (now St. Louis) Cardinals but wrecked a knee in training camp. Then, beginning in 1948, he coached high school football teams at Fulton, Mo., Benton, Ill., and Fredricktown, Mo. His decision to go into the insurance business in 1958 was a wise one. He is now agency manager for State Farm of 11 northeast Missouri counties.

"I'll bet my dad will go back into coaching as soon as Andrea, my youngest sister, finishes college," said Scott.

"Hardly," protested his father. "I'm 52 already. But I keep up with the game."

"I won't even talk football with him," said Scott. "He gets into all this theory. I don't know what he's talking about."

"Why should a mere offensive lineman understand important things like what the backs do," said his dad, winning that round.

Scott sees his father as "my idol if I ever had one. He was such a fine athlete at Cape. His javelin record (199.9 feet) still stands."

The older Anderson, for his part, originally wanted a son who could play football but wound up praying that he could just keep the son he had.

At the age of 1, Scott did a brodie out of his high chair and suffered complicated fracture of the collar bone—the fragmented ends of the bone completely pulled apart

At the age of 2, he was hit by a truck and knocked 20 feet. They didn't think he'd live. At 5, he tackled a high school kid in a sandlot football game and had to have a knee operation. At 8, Scott fell out of his tree house and fractured his ankle.

At 18 came his most serious brush with death. Pausing to make a phone call at an isolated roadside phone booth in Quincy, Ill., he was set upon by a wolfpack of hoodlums and took two knife thrusts in the back. The blade narrowly missed his kidney.

So for Don Anderson, the fact that his son plays football is an unexpected bonus.

"I always say it's a miracle that Scott is even here," said the father.

Perhaps, because he had more than his share of injuries as a moppet, Anderson had none of importance as a football player until this spring when he hurt a knee. At this writing, Missouri coaches still had not decided upon surgery. But of course a knee operation holds no terror for Scott. He had one when he was five, remember?

Anderson's 240 pounds fit snugly because it is Missouri's tradition to keep its players gaunt and hungry although not as gaunt as previously. Scott was a 170-pounder for two of his high school varsity seasons but had reached 192 as a senior. After a Mizzou freshman year as a 200-pounder, he reported back for his redshirt year tipping the beam at 265.

"That's the best football I ever played," he insists to this day. "But they told me to get back down again and I started at varsity tackle the next year at 210 pounds. I mean I looked like a forward on the basketball team. It helped me, though, because I had to learn technique to survive.

"But they've changed their philosophy here somewhat and I think its a good thing. I know some of the guys have been assigned higher weights. You've got to be fairly big, the way things are now. I don't mean obese."

Anderson comes off the ball like a shot on his blocking assignments and railbirds ask about his speed in the 40 which is a football player's distance. Missouri doesn't time its players, unfortunately.

"I don't know how fast he is in the forty," said one pro scout, "but he's quick and as fast as any lineman I've seen for five yards. That's where it's at.

The older Anderson thinks his son will go 265 comfortably without sacrificing speed "once he gets on a pro's diet." That's a joke around the Anderson household—Scott's diet.

"Neva Dell splits our meals into two portions—one divided among the five of us and the other for Scott," said the father. "That's all except breakfast. Scott never did eat breakfast. If he had, we'd a had ourselves a giant."

Anderson's pregame meal is a bowl of Special K cereal and a large glass of orange juice while his teammates eat steak and eggs.

"That's what makes me feel good," said Scott.

The Missouri center likes to talk about being a pro.

"That's my goal," he said. "My major is parks and recreation but if I don't make it in pro football or after I finish, I'll go into the insurance business with dad. Or maybe open a men's clothing store. That's not using my major, is it? Depends on so many things, though."

Anderson figures that any team that drafts him will get a bargain:

"I don't think there is any way I could get big enough and keep that weight to play tackle. But I think it's gonna help that I can play guard (as he did in 1972) and center and also snap the ball in deep punt formation. That's like getting three guys in one. And they might try me at defense. I liked defense in high school. You never know."

Anderson is convinced that Missouri can go the distance in the Big Eight campaign coming up, adding,"I can hardly wait. None of us can." But that is like being a pre-season All-American.

"It's no good talking about how many games you're going to win," he said. "You've got to go out and do it." 8

MISSOURI ROSTER and

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Anderson, Gary	DB	5-10	160	Jr	Joplin, Mo
Anderson, Scott	C	6-4	235	Sr	Hannibal, Mo
Anderson, Terry	S	6-3	195	So	Willard, Mo
Austin, John	LB	6-2	195	So	Joplin, Mo
Banta, Chuck	DB	6-0	185	So	Springfield, Mo
Beckett, Ted	SE	6-1	190	So	Kansas City, Mo
Blakeman, John	TB	6-2	205	So	Latham, Ill.
Bohner, Earnie	MG	5-10	215	So	Springfield, Mo
Borgschlte, Don	DT	6-0	215	So	Ferguson, Mo
Brickey, Steve	S	5-11	185	So	Affton, Mo
Brown, Brad	S	6-1	185	Jr	Mt. Vernon, Mo
Buck, Don	OG	6-2	230	Jr	San Diego, Ca
Burns, Darrel	LB	6-1	205	So	Kansas City,
Butler, Herris	MG	5-11	218	Sr	St. Louis, Mo
Bybee, Ray	FB	6-0	200	Jr	East Moline, Ill
Caldwell, Frank	MG	6-1	225	Sr	She1bina, Mo
Carr, Bob	OT	6-4	240	So	Kansas City
Carr, Lonnie	SE	6-2	205	So	Denver, Colo
Cherry, John	QB	6-0	200	Sr	Pattonville, Mo
Cook, Ricky	FB	5-11	200	Jr	Seneca, Mo
Cooper, Tom	MG	5-11	230	So	Litchfield, Ill
Culp, Bill	DE	6-2	205	So	Wood River, Ill
Curbow, Kelley	OT	6-5	240	Sr	Monett, Mo
Cunningham, Mike	DE	5-11	200	So	Columbia, Mo
Devora, Alex	FB	5-11	195	Jr	San Antonio, Tx
Douglass, Charlie	TE	6-4	205	So	Mountain Grove
Downing, Kenny	S	5-11	185	So	Aurora, Mo
Doyle, Dan	OT	6-1	225	So	Decatur, Ill
Evans, Lynn	LB	5-11	200	Jr	Lynwood, Ca
Fagan, Mike	LB	6-0	205	So	Kansas City, Ks
Frost, Larry	DT	6-3	230	Sr	St.Louis(Normandy)
Garavaglia, Tom	FB	6-0	205	So	St.Louis(St.Marys)
Gillick, Tony	QB	5-11	175	Jr	St.Louis(Aug.)
Glosier, Ted	DE	6-0	205	So	St. Charles, Mo
Goble, Jim	QB	6-2	190	So	Pittsburg, Ks
Gokin, Bill	TB	5-11	185	So	St.Louis(Vianney)
Grrgory, Ken	DB	6-0	185	Sr	St.Louis(Soldan)
Grossart, Randy	DB	6-0	185	So	Chico, Ca
Henningsen, Blaine	DE	6-3	210	So	Richmond, Mo
Henry, Rich	DT	6-0	200	Jr	Gladstone, Mo
Hill, Greg	K	5-10	185	Sr	Columbia, Mo
Hodge, Tom	D E	6-2	218	So	East Gary, Ind
Hophins, Mike	SB	6-2	215	So	Jefferson City,Mo
Hoskins, Chris	TB	5-11	195	So	Caruthersville,Mo
Hulsey, Tom	DB	5-11	170	So	Kansas City, Mo
Jaskowiak, Dennis	OG	6-2	235	Sr	Manchester, Mo
Johnson, Mark	DT	6-3	230	Jr	Hillsdale, Ill
Johnston, Dave	DE	6-2	220	Jr	Vinita, Ok
Kells, Ken	OG	6-0	220	So	St.Louis(Affton)
Keeney, Bob	LB	6-2	210	Jr	Waynesville, Mo
Kelsey, John	OT	6-6	230	Sr	Eelton, Mo
Kirkpatrick, Mark	LB	6-1	205	So	Wood River, Ill
Kirley, Chris	OG	6-5	220	Sr	Peor1a, Ill
Lain, Rich	SE	6-2	185	So	Morton Grove, Ill
Levick, Mike	OG	6-3	218	Sr	St.Louis(Vianney)
Link, Chuck	SB	5-10	180	Sr	Aurora, Mo
Marshall, Henry	TE	6-3	195	So	Shaw AFB, S.C.
Marshall, Jimmy	K	5-10	180	So	Richmond Heights
Marx, Bill	TB	5-10	185	So	Dallas, Tx
Matthews, Mike	DT	6-2	225	Jr	St.Louis(Beaumt)
Matyas, George	SB	5-11	185	So	Hannibal, Mo
McDevitt, Larry	DT	6-0	235	So	St.Louis(Mercy)
McRoberts, Bob	DE	6-0	205	So	Ladue, Mo
Meyers, Brian	C	6-3	215	So	Kansas City, Mo
Miller, Mark	SE	6-2	185	So	Mesa, Ariz
Miller, Ray	DT	6-3	225	Jr	Farley, Mo
Moseley, John	DB	5-9	160	Sr	Columbia, Mo
Moss, Leroy	TB	5-8	195	Sr	Poplar Bluff, Mo
Mulkey, Tom	FB	6-0	205	Jr	St.Louis(Cleve.)
Muse, Don	TE	6-2	205	Jr	Ballwin, Mo
Orsi, Bob	LB	5-11	200	Sr	Geneseo, Ill
Owens, Don	OT	6-5	230	Jr	Jackson, Miss
Owens, Mike	OT	6-3	225	So	Jackson, Miss
Pankey, Bob	S	6-1	190	Sr	Carbondale, Ill
Parrott, Jim	DT	6-1	215	Jr	Springfield, Mo
Pashia, Tom	TE	6-4	210	So	St. Louis, Mo
Petrovich, Stef	SE	5-10	180	So	Las Vegas, Nev
Pickens, Scott	LB	6-2	220	Jr	Peoria, Ill
Pisarkiewicz, Steve	QB	6-3	210	So	Ferguson, Mo
Reamon, Tommy	TB	5-11	190	Sr	Newport News, Va
Sadich, Steve	OG	6-3	220	Jr	Columbia, Mo
Schnietz, Jim	OT	6-3	242	Sr	St.Louis(CBC)
Schreiber, Steve	DE	6-3	215	Sr	Sioux City, Ia
Sharp, Jim	SE	5-10	180	Sr	Hollywood, Fla
Sheahan, Bob	DB	6-0	175	So	Florissant, Mo
Shockley, Joe	LB	6-1	210	So	St.Louis(Ritenour)
Smith, Dale	DE	6-1	200	So	Columbia, Mo
Smith, Ray	QB	6-2	200	Jr	Santa Maria, Ca
Steiger, Dean	DE	6-0	200	So	New Haven, Mo
Swinger, Mike	C	6-1	225	Sr	Eureka, Mo
Thomas, Jerry	DE	6-2	210	So	Ste. Genevieve
Vanarsdall, Dennis	DT	6-1	220	Jr	Buckner, Mo
Walker, Dan	SB	5-10	185	So	Bellevue, Neb
Watson, Packy	FB	6-0	195	So	Peoria, Ill
Weisenfels, Kurt	C	6-0	218	Jr	Webster Groves
Williams, Jerry	DB	6-0	180	So	Kansas City,(Ray)
Williams, Mike	TE	6-3	200	So	Bluff, Ill
Yount, Steve	DB	6-0	185	Jr	St.Louis(Norman)
Ziegler, Bill	SB	6-2	195	Jr	St.Louis(U High)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

TOMMY REAMON
(5-11, 190 Sr)

LEROY MOSS
(5-8, 195 Sr)

Ray Bybee
(6-0, 200 Jr)

Tom Mulkey
(6-0, 205 Jr)

Rick Cook
(5-11, 200 Jr)

JOHN CHERRY
(6-0, 200 Sr)

Ray Smith
(6-2, 200 Jr)

Steve Pisarkiewicz
(6-3, 210 So)

Bill Ziegler
(6-2, 195 Jr)

CHUCK LINK
(5-10, 180 Sr)

Don Muse
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Randy Grossart
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JOHN MOSELEY
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Chuck Banta
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Tony Gillick
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Jerry Williams
(6-0, 180 So)

Freshman Harvest

"In Townes, we may have a giant Rich Glover with about the same speed."

By BILL BECK *St. Louis Post Dispatch*

A BUMPER CROP of football talent in the St. Louis area and an unexpected change in the NCAA's scholarship qualification guidelines made a decided difference in University of Missouri's recruiting procedures and in the freshman squad expected to report for the 1973 season.

For one thing, the Missouri yearlings will be without a prospect from the State of Kansas for the first time since World War II. For another, coach Al Onofrio had 10 unused scholarships in his battle kit when intensive recruiting ended on National Letter of Intent Day and he wasn't at all sure what he'd do with seven of them.

But Onofrio and his two chiefs of staff, Clay Cooper and John Kadlec, said they all but swept the boards where they labored the hardest. Missouri did seem to reap the benefit of two exciting 1972 appearances on television, a 30-24 victory over Notre Dame and a 6-5 triumph over Iowa State.

At least, Tiger representatives made unexpected headway in the Chicago area, normally the preserve of Notre Dame and Illinois.

By National Letter day, Mizzou had only 33 high school graduates and two juco transfers to boast about. The big reason was the January change in the NCAA's scholarship guidelines which junked the mandatory 1.6 grade projection level and stipulated than any youth who had a 2.0 grade average in high school was eligible retroactively.

This meant prospects now going to colleges without scholarships or attending junior colleges—presumably anchored there for two years—were up for grabs. There was no way to find out who was what except through a player-by-player evaluation. This, in Onofrio's view, might take most of the summer.

Three players, who had come to Missouri on their own after failing to "predict" under the now voided 1.6 rule, were found to have made 2.0 averages in high school and thus received three of the grants-in-aid that Onofrio left open. The other seven?

"We're working on some other prospects," said Onofrio.

In order to play this numbers game it seems quite obvious the Tigers recruited by position to a larger extent than is the usual practice.

For instance, with the varsity well fixed at quarterback, only four were signed this time as compared to seven last year when all 45 Mizzou grants had been exhausted by national letter day.

There were 14 running backs selected in 1972 as compared to only six this time. Missouri has a wealth of running backs at the varsity level.

Where the Tigers worked hard, though, was in the round up of receivers and battleship-class linemen. The receivers will be needed as the Tigers return from the wishbone to the multiple-I. The big linemen will figure as Mizzou converts from an eight-man to a five-man front on defense.

A wide receiver probably has the best chance among the freshmen to make it with the Mizzou varsity in 1973 and Missouri bagged three with exceptional credentials.

Doug DeNike (6-foot-3, 180 pounds) of Aginocurt, Ontario, could provide the outside speed so lacking on the 1972 Mizzou squad. The slim Canadian has posted a 9.4 clocking in the 100-yard dash and a 10.4 in the 100 meters.

Onofrio signed DeNike and two other promising candidates from the Toronto area not through the efforts of his Canadian wife Joannie, but through tips supplied by a former Mizzou tackle now employed in Toronto.

Paul Bennett (5-11, 175) and Phil Reynolds (6-2, 193) are the other two northerners both of whom can shade 10 seconds in the dash, but they are being looked at respectively as defensive back and running back.

Other wide receivers whose credentials suggest immediate varsity opportunity are Bill Collins (6-2, 190) and Pete Blake (6-0, 180).

Collins, one of the standouts bagged in Illinois-Notre Dame territory near Chicago, and Blake, from the St. Louis suburb of Bridgeton, both have better than 10-flat speed, and good hands. Blake, a hurdler with 9.8 speed, converted nine of his 40 prep pass receptions into touchdowns and then got seven more TDs as he rolled up 727 yards rushing.

"He knows how to catch the ball and then what to do with it when he gets it," said coach Cooper.

Another freshman who could play immediately is Morris Towns, 6-foot-5, 275-pounder who was the No. 1 scholar in his class at St. Louis Vashon.

The big defensive tackle, honored as a Scholar-Athlete by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, was all-Mr. Everything. He could possibly wind up in Mizzou's glamorous new middle guard position. By coincidence, he has the same speed in the 40 as 1972 Outland Trophy winner, Rich Glover of Nebraska. That is 4.9, outstanding for such a big man.

Other linemen judged as outstanding additions included Oliver Burbridge (6-4, 220) who was a teammate of Towns's and also a scholar; Joel Yearian (6-3, 235) of Woodridge, Ill.; and Ron Ghrist (6-2, 221) of Pittsfield, Ill., a prep All-America with linebacker speed.

Onofrio's theory of recruiting is that Missouri's main crop must come from the three-state area around home but for speed, he can find it only in California, Arizona or Florida. But he didn't really look in those areas this year because of speed obtained from other sources.

There was, for instance, Dean Liebson (6-0, 190) of Manlius, N.Y., who was clocked at 9.6 in the dash and has broadjumps of 24 feet to his credit. He is listed as a running back. Jornel Williams, a 200-pounder from St. Louis Beaumont is viewed as another Joe Moore.

The two best quarterback prospects would appear to be Terry Barth (6-2, 190) and Steve Mally (6-1, 195) both of the Chicago area. They have good speed and eye-popping completion records.

Iowa State's Strengths are at Running Back and Receiver

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hitting 14 of 27 passes for 220 yards and three touchdowns. He also scored once himself on a seven-yard run.

That left little doubt about who will be No. 1 starting out in the fall. His free-wheeling display also showed that the new coach isn't a strict disciple of his old boss, conservative Woody Hayes.

"A good bit of my thinking has been influenced by Hayes, especially on offensive football," says Bruce, "but I don't necessarily believe in three yards and a cloud of dust.

"We will run our fullback a little more than Iowa State was doing before, which is what Ohio State teams do, but I also like to throw the ball.

"If Stanley continues to come along the way he did in the spring, then we're going to have a good passing game because we have some fine receivers in Ike Harris, Keith Krepfle and Willie Jones.

"But I also think this," added Bruce. "To win in the Big Eight or Big Ten you must be physically tough. You can't just throw the ball all the time, no matter how good your passing game is.

"If the wind whips up a storm, or if it rains, the passing attack is taken away from you.

"So, if you can't knock the other guy down—if you aren't physically tougher than he is—then chances are you're going to lose."

Iowa State's strengths are at running back and pass receivers. The main weakness—in addition to the inexperienced quarterbacking situation—is in the secondary, which was almost wiped out by graduation.

Tailback Strachan was far and away the Big Eight's No. 1 rusher as a sophomore last fall, gaining 1,260 yards in 267 carries. Nobody else hit the 1,000 mark with the next best being 938 by Oklahoma's Greg Pruitt.

Fullback Moses Moore, Strachan's running mate, also is returning but he'll be hard-pressed to stay there. Junior Phil Danowsky had an excellent spring and was slightly ahead of Moore when practice ended.

There might not be a college team anywhere which can match Iowa State's receiving corps of Jones, Harris and Krepfle, all of whom ranked among the league's top 10 pass catchers last season.

Two different pro scouts have tabbed Krepfle as "the best tight end in the country."

There is reason for further optimism on offense since every spot up front is manned by a veteran. Their three-year regular center Dave Pittman has departed, turning that position over to his backup, senior Chuck Blaskovich.

He'll be flanked by plenty of experienced hands. Tackles Willie Gillis and Henry Lewis, and guards Sherman Miller and Dan Kneller all have been starters in the past.

Some of the uncertainty about the defense would be removed if a healthy Matt Blair comes back in the fall. Blair was an all-America candidate at defensive back a year ago until a knee injury shelved him in pre-season practice.

He was hurt again early in the only game played last year, at Colorado, and decided against turning pro to put in one more season with the Cyclones.

But to compound his aggravation, Matt tore up the old scar tissue in his knee running 40-yard sprints the week spring practice was to begin. That forced him to the sidelines once again and left a large question mark surrounding his future.

The only other returnee in the secondary with much experience is Barry Hill, a part-time starter in 1972.

Iowa State is going to what has been nicknamed the "bubble" defense—a mixture of the pro 4-3 alignment and the Oklahoma 50 defense. It places a premium on the use of big and agile man in the middle, which is where Big Daddy Hunt will be operating.

In football jargon, when the middle guard moves back to become a linebacker, it leaves half a bubble—hence the nickname.

"Many teams were getting away from a five-man line and switching to a pro 4-3 defense because there was so much passing," said Bruce, "but now five-man fronts are coming back. We try to get the best out of both defenses, depending on the situation.

"Hunt has done very well in converting to what we call the 'mike' linebacker. He has good speed for his size and he likes to be where the action is."

Ted Jornov, Brad Storm and John McKillop are other tough and experienced linebackers who will form the heart of this revamped defense.

Ends Doug Wilke and Lonnie Coleman and tackles Tom Karr and Rick Howe rate the edge as a front four, since all are lettermen, but in contrast to the offensive unit newcomers may become prominent on defense.

Andre Roundtree and John Dyslin, a pair of California junior-college transfers, should offer immediate help at defensive end. Roundtree might be a starter, and two more California transplants, corner back Chuck Penn and safety Bruce Fling, also could move right into the first-team secondary.

The rover spot or free safety—where Blair probably will play if he's ready—is being held down by junior letterman Randy Bozich.

It's a hybrid squad of many talented Florida athletes recruited by Iowa State in recent years—players like Strachan, Moore, Hunt and Stanley—along with an influx of Californians to combine with Iowans and other midwesterners.

How Bruce and his staff fit the pieces together should be enjoyable to watch...and perhaps not so enjoyable for the rest of the Big Eight.

MIKE STRACHAN All Big Eight running back

Bruce's Viewpoint...

EARLE BRUCE GLANCED at the schedule. One thought immediately crossed his mind.

"Arkansas and Colorado on successive Saturdays...that will be a nice early challenge," said Iowa State's new football coach.

The Cyclones, coming off a Johnny Majors regime that produced bowl appearances the last two seasons, head into 1973 with high hopes, but the usual Saturday-to-Saturday problems.

It's no wonder Bruce is concerned about Arkansas Sept. 29 and Colorado Oct. 6. Arkansas is not exactly a patsy anytime —especially at Fayetteville—and Colorado is Iowa State's Big Eight opener at Ames.

"Colorado could win it all in the Big Eight," Bruce said.

When Earle starts talking about Cyclone strengths, he opens with his pass receivers. Guys like Ike Harris, Keith Krepfle, Willie Jones and a sophomore named Curt Vondrak from Sioux City, Ia., head the list.

"Vondrak had a good spring game (six pass receptions for 120 yards)," Bruce commented, "and he played well all the way during spring workouts."

And in case you're wondering, Iowa Stafe DOES plan to throw the ball often.

"We'll go into the fall with Wayne Stanley (a sophomore) as our No. 1 quarterback," Bruce said. "He rated the edge in the spring over Tom Mason, Dan Fletcher, Bill Flannagan and Bob Martin."

The runners?

"Mike Strachan (tailback who led the Big Eioht in rushing as a sophomore) is a definite plus," said Bruce. "Moses Moore and Phil Danowsky showed us a lot in the spring, too."

Bruce said the offensive line could be good. The talent, he admitted, is there.

"We have people such as Sherman Miller, Dan Kneller, Henry Lewis, Willie Gillis and Chuck Blaskovich."

The linebacking could be very good, and Bruce mentioned names such as Lawrence (Big Daddy) Hunt, Ted Jornov, Brad Storm and John McKillop to prove it.

"A lot will depend on the health of Matt Blair, who missed spring practice (as well as most of the 1972 season) with an injury. A sound Blair will certainly help us in the fall."

All in all, it could be a very good Iowa State team, but—as Bruce points out—there are challenges all over the place.

"If we're going to succeed in the fall," he said, "we'll have to start where we left off in the spring."

Sophs To Watch

STANLEY GIVEN A 'FAIR SO CYCLONES DUE A

By BUCK TURNBULL *Des Moines Register*

BACK IN THE SPRING of 1972 Wayne Stanley was faced with a hard decision.

As a black athlete who wanted desperately to be a college quarterback, should he go north to a school like Iowa State, or should he stay closer to his Florida home?

College recruiters in the south insisted he wouldn't have much of a chance to play quarterback on a northern team. It was a forceful argument, especially when coming from coaches at all-black schools who sought to sign him.

Other Florida colleges had started integrating their football squads and were seeking standout blacks such as Stanley, who had piloted his Belle Glade Central High School team to two straight Florida Class AAA state titles.

Or maybe that should be co-piloted, because with the coming of integration in Wayne's junior year, Belle Glade used two quarterbacks —a white player for one half, Stanley for the other.

Both were good enough to make the all-state team, and Belle Glade hardly ever lost a game, but the integration experience wasn't a particularly happy one.

"I had a tough time making up my mind what to do," said Stanley. "Finally, a teammate of mine-Anthony Williams, who was a split end—and I decided to go to Iowa State.

"But then it was discovered that Anthony's grades weren't good enough to qualify. He'd messed up in his sophomore year or something. That gave me second thoughts about coming up alone.

"The determining factor was my confidence in Coach Ray Greene (an Iowa State black assistant coach). I figured he'd make sure I got a fair shake."

Another selling point was Iowa State's recent history. The Cyclones had already had a black quarterback (Obert Tisdale in 1969), so Stanley wasn't being asked to be a trailblazer. All he had to do was prove he possessed the ability for the job and it would be his.

Ironically, Anthony Williams went to the University of Tampa, where his coach last fall was Earle Bruce. Now Stanley's coach this season will be the same Earle Bruce, who came to Ames when Johnny Majors left for Pittsburgh.

Quarterback holds the key to success for Bruce in his first year at the Cyclone helm, and it appears that Stanley is the man who will replace the graduated George Amundson.

Wayne was particularly impressive in Iowa State's final spring intrasquad game, throwing three touchdown passes and scoring once himself while leading the Red team to a 45-0 romp over the Whites.

Supposedly the squad had been split evenly, which gives a good indication of just how

WAYNE STANLEY

effective Stanley was.

"Wayne has the talent," says Bruce. "All he lacks is maturity and experience."

Greene compares him favorably with Kerry Jackson, Oklahoma's freshman quarterback star last year.

"He's the same kind of dangerous runner as Jackson,"

SHAKE,' 'GOOD DEAL'

said Greene. "The best thing about Wayne is that you can't trap him. If he can't pass and has to scramble, he'll give you fits."

Although he was only a freshman last season, Stanley moved right in as the backup to Amundson on the varsity but played very little.

Finding a quarterback was Bruce's No. 1 priority in spring ball. "We don't have too many other slots to fill with newcomers," he commented.

Three transfers are in the picture, but Stanley appears to have beaten them all out. The No. 2 signal-caller at the conclusion of spring practice was Tom Mason, who transferred in from Nassau Community College in New York.

Dan Fletcher of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, transferred in a year ago from the University of Tennessee. He was pressing Mason for the second-team job until suffering a dislocated shoulder late in spring drills.

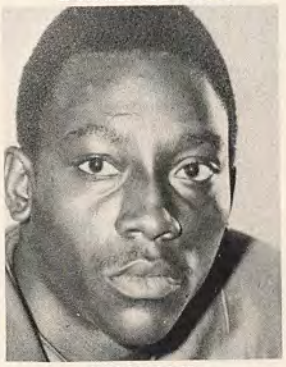
The third transfer is southpaw Bill Flannagan, who earned all-America honors at West Los Angeles Junior College in California. He's primarily a passer, while the others are better runners.

The one area where Iowa State has several holes to fill is in the secondary. Bruce Fling (why isn't he a quarterback?) is another California Juco who came along rapidly in the spring and will start out this fall as the No. 1 safety.

Two more California junior-college transfers, Andre Roundtree and John Dyslin, are being counted upon to lend a helping hand at defensive end.

The first offensive unit is manned entirely by lettermen, including eight returning starters. The top new prospects on offense are split end Curt Vondrak, who caught all three of Stanley's scoring passes in the spring game, and guard Bob Bos, both of whom are moving up from the freshman team.

LAWRENCE HUNT



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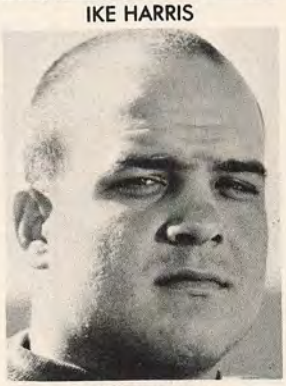

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SOUNDING OFF

LAWRENCE (BIG DADDY) HUNT, linebacker—"After meeting the new coaching staff we have and seeing the defense we'd be running, I asked if I could be moved from tackle to middle linebacker. I was moved—and now I love the position. I have more territory to cover, and it gives me a chance to meet a lot of people. I like to hit, and playing this position really lets me lay it on them. I feel we developed as a team at a faster rate in spring practice than we did the year before and I view us as a contender for the Big Eight title."

IKE HARRIS, split end—"This is definitely the best team I've played on at Iowa State. We're two and three-deep at some positions, but we need to develop more depth in the offensive line. I'm confident about winning the conference championship, but we all must pull together this year. You could see that the players were feeling their way along in the spring because we had a new coaching staff, but we all made the adjustment well."

TED JORNOV, linebacker—"The uncertainty of the coaching situation affected our play late last season, but we've got to rise to the occasion this year. I feel we should have the best defense in the Big Eight and I have hopes that it will rank high nationally. I had a good spring, considering the new staff put in a new system. It's hard to pick a Big Eight school I want to beat more than any other, but I am anxious to play Oklahoma State. They humiliated us (45-15) last season. We just weren't ready for them."

MIKE STRACHAN, tailback—"I hope the other teams key on me this year because we have a lot of other backs who will be gaining yardage for us. Even if the opponents concentrate on me, I feel I can gain as many yards (he led the conference with 1,260) as I did as a sophomore. That's because of the type of offense we'll be using. We can do more things with our offense than we could last fall."

MOSES MOORE, fullback—"In other years at Iowa State, I've been 'a third guard.' That's because I've had to do so much blocking. But the veer offense we will be using gives the fullback a better chance to make yardage. I will have to say that I became a pretty good blocker in past seasons because it was either block or take a beating. I think we have a chance to have a great season in 1973, and I'm looking forward to going to a bigger bowl than the Sun Bowl and the Liberty Bowl (where Iowa State has played the past two years). Yes, I've got my eyes on the Orange Bowl."

HOW DO YOU STOP a KREPFLE ?

Whether smoking enemy safeties or clearing a path through cluttered real estate, this conspicuous tight end leads the finest receiving corp in college football.

By **RON MALY** *Des Moines Register*

IT''S FUNNY HOW THINGS WORKED OUT. Back there as an Iowa State freshman, Keith Krepfle was trying to play defensive halfback—and he was about as successful at it as an elephant on crutches.

''I got burned all the time,'' Krepfle recalled. ''I just wasn't suited to that position. You've got to be a super athlete to play there.''

Well, there aren't many folks knocking Krepfle's athletic ability these days. Not after the way he has performed at tight end the past two seasons for the Cyclone varsity.

''In high school at Potosi (Wis.), I had been a fullback and halfback,'' Krepfle commented. ''But we had only about 200 kids in the school, and I didn't have much competition. In fact, basketball was my best sport in those days.

''So nobody at Iowa State knew how good I was, or what my best position was. In the spring of my freshman year, I was moved to tight end—and, yes, I was more suited to that.''

Suited is right. Krepfle is a head-knocking, tacklebusting, shoulder-bruising tight end who has caught 70 passes for 1,020 yards and 11 touchdowns so far for Cyclone teams that have played in bowl games the past two seasons.

If Keith keeps his health, there may not be a better tight end in the nation this fall.

And he is part of a pass-receiving trio that will be one of the best in the United States. The other two-thirds are comprised of flanker Willie Jones (58 receptions, 1,099 yards and nine touchdowns) and Ike Harris (62 receptions, 975 yards and nine touchdowns).

However, durability has been a problem for Krepfle in the past year.

''I missed nearly half of my junior season because of freakish injuries,'' the personable 6-foot-2-inch, 225-pounder said.

''It all began when I ran into another player on our team while working out the night before our first game. We were just loosening up in some passing drills and the quarterback overthrew me on a post pattern.

''I was chasing the ball and not looking where I was going. All of a sudden, I ran into one of our linemen.''

Members of the Iowa State coaching staff were fearful Krepfle suffered a broken neck.

''But it just turned out to be torn ligaments in the neck,'' Krepfle said. ''I was knocked out and suffered some amnesia. To this day, I don't remember our airplane trip (to Colorado State).''

So Keith missed the 41-0 victory over Colorado State, as well as the 44-22 decision over Utah the next week and the 31-0 cruise past New Mexico the next Saturday.

''Then I missed our last regular-season game with San Diego State and most of the Liberty Bowl game against Georgia Tech because of a hamstring injury,'' said Krepfle.''

Krepfle thought he was finished with the bad luck, but pulled a muscle in his left leg while being timed in the 40-yard dash early in spring practice.

''It was cold,'' he explained. ''It seems that if you pull a muscle it usually comes when you're being timed. But I'm just glad it came in spring ball and not in the fall.''

Krepfle fielded 40 passes for 570 yards and seven touchdowns as a sophomore.

He waited until the Sun Bowl game with Louisiana State to stage the most thrilling catch of all. He knocked down one Tiger after another while gaining 42 yards with a reception.

The incredible thing was that Keith gained about 20 of that total after catching the ball and running into heavy traffic.

As a sophomore, Krepfle got a chance to start at tight end because Bob Richardson was injured.

''There was no depth at the position that year,'' Keith explained, ''so when Bob was hurt, I moved in.''

Richardson didn't have a chance after that. Krepfle, the guy who had been burned the year before as a defensive back, was solid at end.

''Richardson didn't seem to get his zeal back,'' Krepfle explained, ''and I started all the games.''

Krepfle feels that, when he was able to play as a junior, he performed better than he did as a sophomore.

''But I just didn't play as much as I wanted to because of the injuries,'' he said.

Johnny Majors was Keith's head coach as a sophomore and junior. Earle Bruce is in charge of the Cyclone program now.

''This staff puts a lot of emphasis on blocking by the tight end,'' Krepfle said, ''and that's all right with me. My blocking needs a lot of improvement.

''At first, I thought we wouldn't be passing quite as much under Coach Bruce, but it does appear we'll be throwing a lot. We''ll be using the same basic offense.''

His blocking? ''Oh, that's coming along well,'' Keith said.

''I feel we'll have an explosive offense this year,'' he commented. ''We'll score a lot of points. But the defense will be a question mark.''

Krepfle, the son of a former knuckleball pitcher in the Chicago Cubs' farm system, was not regarded as a blue-chip prospect when he was ready to graduate from Potosi High.

''The only full scholarship offer I got,'' he admitted, ''was from Iowa State. ''That was the consequence of playing for a small high school.

''The only other offer I got was from the University of Dubuque (15 miles across the Mississippi River). But that wasn't even a full-ride deal.

''Besides, Dubuque was close to home—and I wanted to go away to college.''

Krepfle is hopeful Iowa State can recover from problems that occurred halfway through the 1972 season. The Cyclones didn't win in their last six games. All they had to show was a 23-23 tie with Nebraska.

''We had better momentum in my sophomore year because we had great leadership,'' Krepfle explained. ''Last year, certain events caused the team to fall apart late in the season.

''A lot of things contributed to it. We had poor weather to practice in and we had some sickness. The Nebraska game was depressing because we felt we should have won it. The next week, we lost a squeaker (6-5) to Missouri, and that broke the team apart.

''We just couldn't pick up the pieces.''

Krepfle was married in June, 1973 to a high school sweetheart.

''Her name is Sandy and she's a beautiful woman,'' Keith said.

Krepfle is majoring in finance. He hopes to be able to put that degree to use when the professional scouts come knocking at his door.

But before that happens, he is looking forward to his senior season at Iowa State.

''It's going to be the highlight of my college career,'' he said.

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Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Allen, Jerry	OT	6-4	224	Jr	Burlington, Wi	Kneller, Dan	OT	6-4	230	Sr	Detroit, Mi
Anderson, Ross	DB	6-0	180	Fr	Decorah, Ia	Konrad, Paul	FB	6-0	205	So	Mitchell, SD
Andringa, Terry	OT	6-5	265	Jr	Sheldon, Ia	Krepfle, Keith	TE	6-2	220	Sr	Potosi, Wi
Barghols, Kent	OT	6-5	228	So	Urbandale, Ia	Laz, Doug	SE	6-2	175	So	Urbana, Ill
Barton, Neal	DE	6-2	220	So	Albert Lea, Min	Lenth, Doug	PK	6-2	170	So	Postville, Ia
Beamon, Bruce	FB	6-0	200	Jr	Rochester, NY	Leonard, Les	DB	5-10	190	So	Glenview, Ill
Beck, Gary	QB	5-11	175	So	Cedar Rapids, Ia	Lewis, Henry	OT	6-3	250	Sr	Clewiston, Fla
Becker, Dan	DB	6-4	180	So	Marshalltown, Ia	Little, Gary	OG	6-4	212	Jr	Columbus, Oh
Blair, Matt	MM	6-4	220	Sr	Dayton, Oh	Loney, Steve	LB	6-2	210	Jr	Marshalltown, Ia
Blaskovich, Chuck	C	6-2	220	Sr	Des Moines, Ia	Luke, Bob	DT	6-2	230	So	Sioux City, Ia
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Bos, Bob	OG	6-6	220	So	Brookfield, Wi	Martin, Bobby	QB	6-2	180	So	Ogden, Utah
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Bozich, Randy	MM	6-1	180	Jr	Milwaukee, Wi	McCarthy, Jon	OT	6-2	229	So	Des Moines, Ia
Bradley, Scott	S	6-3	180	Jr	Zumbrota, Min	McKillop, John	LB	6-2	220	Sr	Pleasantville, NY
Cartier, Kevin	DE	6-4	220	So	Wauwatosa, Wi	Miller, Bill	QB	6-3	197	Sr	Cleveland, Oh
Chiaculas, Rick	C	6-3	225	So	Franklin Park,Ill	Miller, Sherman	OG	6-2	237	Jr	Miami, Fla
Christensen, Jim	OT	6-2	222	Sr	Lansing, Ill	Moore, Moses	FB	6-0	200	Sr	Miami, Fla
Chiechanowski, A.	OG	6-3	233	Jr	Savannah, Ga	Moses, Jerry	RB	6-1	186	Jr	Waterloo, Ia.
Clarey, Mark	LB	6-1	218	So	Cotati, Cal	Moses, Neal	RB	6-0	185	So	Waterloo, Ia
Coleman, Lon	DE	6-2	215	Sr	Miami, Fla	Ohrt, Duane	DT	6-2	240	So	Waterloo, Ia
Danowsky, Phil	FB	6-0	195	Jr	Cedar Rapids, Ia	Olson, Dennis	C	6-4	241	Jr	Des Moines, Ia
Dyslin, John	DE	6-2	210	Jr	Garden Grove,Cal	Overton, Bob	WR	6-2	185	Jr	Santa Barbara,Cal
Eustice, Robert	FL	5-9	175	So	Cedar Rapids, Ia	Palmisano, Joe	S	6-0	180	So	Akron, Oh
Falder, Dan	LB	6-2	208	So	Janesville, Wi	Penn, Chuck	DB	6-2	180	Sr	Pomona, Cal
Flannagan, Bill	QB	6-0	190	Jr	Hollywood, Cal	Piekieldo, John	QB	6-2	182	So	Chicago, Ill
Fletcher, Dan	QB	5-11	185	So	Cedar Rapids, Ia	Reelitz, Terry	OG	6-2	205	So	Des Moines, Ia
Fling, Bruce	S	5-11	175	Jr	Garden Grove, Cal	Ridder, Paul	DT	6-4	230	Jr	West Point, Neb
Forge, Gerry	LB	6-0	200	Jr	Dallas, Tx	Rogers, Glover	OT	6-4	225	So	Miami, Fla
Fritsch, John	C	6-1	202	So	Detroit, Mi	Roundtree, Andre	DE	6-4	217	Jr	Gardon Grove, Cal
Gelinas, Pierre	DT	6-6	225	So	Quebec, Canada	Sargent, Marty	LB	6-1	195	So	Moville, Ia
Gillis, Willie	OT	6-3	245	Jr	Pompano Beach,Fla	Schlenker, Steve	DB	6-0	170	So	Des Moines, Ia
Gnade, Mike	LB	6-2	185	So	Hawthorn, NJ	Schueneman, Karl	OT	6-7	260	So	Waukegon, Ill
Goedjen, Tom	PK	5-8	165	Jr	Two Rivers, Wi	Smith, Forry	FL	6-3	190	So	Waterloo, Ia
Greenwood, Dave	DE	6-4	205	So	Cedar Rapids, Ia	Stanley, Wayne	QB	6-0	180	So	Belle Glade, Fla
Greenwood, Don	TE	6-3	201	Jr	Cedar Rapids, Ia	Stenger, Tom	DB	6-1	175	Fr	Bettendorf, Ia
Grove, Greg	DB	6-0	180	So	Tipton, Ia	Storm, Brad	LB	6-0	210	Jr	Belle Plaine, Ia
Hallett, Mitch	OG	6-3	235	Jr	Summerset, Ky	Strachan, Mike	RB	6-1	190	Jr	Miami, Fla
Harris, Ike	SE	6-5	202	Sr	Edmondson, Ark	Thies, Greg	DT	6-5	250	So	Cresco, Ia
Hauck, Kevin	OT	6-4	224	So	Deerfield, Ill	Thomas, Jack	OG	6-2	208	So	Council Bluffs,Ia
Herman, Bob	DT	6-2	245	So	Cedar Rapids, Ia	Timmins, Mike	TE	6-4	215	So	Des Moines, Ia
Hill, Barry	DB	6-2	184	Jr	Delray Beach,Fla	Vandagriff, Bruce	OT	6-3	235	Jr	Rockwell City, Ia
Holloway, Wendy	QB	6-4	210	So	Cincinatti, Oh	Vondrak, Curt	SE	6-3	180	So	Sioux City, Ia
Howe, Rick	DT	6-2	220	Jr	Clemons, Ia	Vondrak, Greg	LB	6-2	210	Jr	Sioux City, Ia
Hunt, Lawrence	DT	6-2	235	Sr	Delray Beach, Fla	Vorwald, Ron	LB	6-2	210	So	Bloomington, Wi
Jacks, Tom	DE	6-4	215	So	Iowa City, Ia	Wassenaar, Mark	C	6-3	230	Jr	Evanston, Ill
Jay, Ramsey	DB	5-9	172	Jr	Santa Barbara,Cal	White, Bill	WR	5-10	195	Fr	Highland Park, Mi
Jones, Jeff	C	6-2	214	So	Indianola, Ia	Wilke, Doug	DE	6-4	212	Jr	Mauston, Wi
Jones, Willie	FL	5-10	175	Sr	Valdosta, Ga	Williams, Mark	S	6-4	180	So	Des Moines, Ia
Jornov, Ted	LB	6-1	215	Sr	Hudson, NY	Williams, Mike	RB	6-0	190	So	Laurel, Md
Karr, Tom	DT	6-5	235	Sr	Marengo, Ill	Wingender, Jim	RB	6-0	195	So	Omaha, Neb
King, Ray	DE	6-4	195	So	Sac City, Ia	Young, Randy	DE	6-4	230	So	Miami, Fla

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

MIKE STRACHAN
(6-1, 190 Jr)
Jerry Moses
(6-1, 186 Jr)

MOSES MOORE
(6-0, 200 Sr)
Phil Danowsky
(6-0, 195 Jr)
Larry Marquardt
(6-5, 223 Sr)

Wayne Stanley
(6-0, 180 So)
Tom Mason
(5-11, 190 Jr)

WILLIE JONES
(5-10, 175 Sr)
Bob Overton
(6-2, 185 Jr)

KEITH KREPFLE
(6-2, 220 Sr)
Don Greenwood
(6-3, 201 Jr)

HENRY LEWIS
(6-3, 250 Sr)
Karl Schueneman
(6-7, 260 So)

DAN KNELLER
(6-4, 230 Sr)
Gary Little
(6-4, 212 Jr)

Chuck Blaskovich
(6-2, 220 Sr)
John Fritsch
(6-1, 202 So)

SHERMAN MILLER
(6-2, 237 Jr)
Jerry Allen
(6-4, 224 Jr)

WILLIE GILLIS
(6-3, 245 Jr)
Bob Bos
(6-6, 220 So)

IKE HARRIS
(6-5, 202 Sr)
Curt Vondrak
(6-3, 180 So)

DOUG WILKE
(6-4, 212 Jr)
Lon Coleman
(6-2, 215 Sr)

TOM KARR
(6-2, 235 Sr)
Greg Thies
(6-5, 250 So)

LAWRENCE HUNT
(6-2, 235 Sr)
Jack Thomas
(6-2, 208 So)

Paul Ridder
(6-4, 230 Jr)
Rick Howe
(6-2, 220 Jr)

Andre Roundtree
(6-4, 217 Jr)
Ray King
(6-4, 195 So)

TED JORNOV
(6-1, 215 Sr)
JOHN McKILLOP
(6-2, 220 Sr)

BRAD STORM
(6-0, 210 Jr)
Mike Gnade
(6-2, 185 So)

BARRY HILL
(6-2, 184 Jr)
Ramsey Jay
(5-9, 172 Jr)

Dan Becker
(6-4, 180 So)
Bruce Fling
(5-11, 175 Jr)

MATT BLAIR
(6-5, 220 Sr)
RANDY BOZICH
(6-1, 180 Jr)

Chuck Penn
(6-2, 180 Sr)
Joe Palmisano
(6-0, 180 So)

Freshman Harvest

Cyclones steal some prize in-state prospects and finish with the best class since 1970.

By BUCK TURNBULL *Des Moines Register*

MANY TIMES A CHANGE in coaching staffs will upset former recruiting patterns, drying up old strongholds and forcing new contacts to be made, but fortunately for Iowa State that was not the case this year.

If anything, the Cyclones strengthened their recruiting position with the coming of Earle Bruce to replace Johnny Majors, and many believe they may have pulled in their finest freshman crop ever.

There were two reasons for the excellent showing.

First, when Majors departed for Pittsburgh last December, he took most of his assistants with him except two who had been very instrumental in Iowa State's recent recruiting —Keith Kephart and Ray Greene.

Kephart was and still is in charge of in-state recruiting. School in Dubuque, tackles Scott Smith (6-3, 230) of Jefferson in Cedar Rapids and Joe Safin (6-4, 230) of East Sioux City, and tight end Maynard Stensrud (6-3, 210) of Lake Mills.

"Signing players of that caliber gave us the best year in-state we've ever had," declared Kephart.

Smith was a high school all-American. So are two others harvested from far afield, tailback Mike Tyson of Charleston, W. Va., and defensive back Tony Hawkins of Syracuse, N.Y.

The flashy Tyson is a 9.5-second sprinter who might ordinarily have gone to West Virginia or Penn State until Jim Weaver sold him on the merits of Ames, Iowa. Hawkins quite naturally was signed by Jim Shreve.

In addition to working the California junior-college territory, where he recruited southpaw quarterback Bill Flannagan, Braden corralled a pair of talented San Diego products, defensive end Lenzy Perine and linebacker Brad Cole.

Meanwhile, Greene came home from Florida with an impressive list of nine prospects. He's particularly proud of landing split end Vernon Davis, a 9.5 sprinter from West Palm Beach, Fla.

"I think Davis is our best all-around prospect. . . .the best high school athlete I've ever recruited," said Green, who coaches Iowa State's receivers.

"Willie Jones (current Cyclone flanker) might have had better statistics when we recruited him out of Georgia, but wait until you see this Davis play. I'm sure he'll move in right away as a backup on the varsity this fall.

"Curtis Bryant will be another good one. He's a running back who comes from the same high school in Miami as Mike Strachan and Moses Moore."

Strachan and Moore, of course, are the present Cyclone running backs out of Miami Jackson. As a sophomore last season the pile-driving Strachan led all Big Eight rushers.

At least five or six others from Florida will be Iowa State starters this year, a good indication of just how valuable the work of Green and Joe Avezzano (who left with Majors) has been in that area.

"Since I've been here," explained Green, " our best recruiting year was the freshman group of Big Daddy Hunt, Willie Jones, Ike Harris and that bunch—the guys who are seniors now.

"This group equals them but in different areas, such as more speed and not as many linemen."

Windsprints should be interesting when they get around to them this fall. In addition to sprinters Tyson and Davis, another fine prospect is split end Anthony Norman of Atlanta, Ga., a state hurdles champion who runs the highs in 14-flat.

On the national signing day, Bruce personally went to Atlanta to bring this standout into the fold.

The top quarterback candidate among the newcomers appears to be Joe Valasa, an all-stater at Roselle Park, N.J.

"I'm very pleased at the way our recruiting went," said Bruce, "especially when you consider the fact that we got off to a late start because we didn't have our staff assembled until mid-January."

It was for this reason that most observers felt Iowa would regain the upper hand on Iowa State.

To the astonishment of many, including members of the Hawkeye coaching staff, Kephart saw that this did not come true.

At the height of the spring recruiting wars, Keith ran into Ducky Lewis, Iowa's defensive co-ordinator and chief home-state recruiter, during his many travels. Upon learning that Iowa State hoped to sign Scott Smith, the Cedar Rapids prep all-American, Lewis told Kephart:

"No way. No way will you get Scott Smith away from us. If you do, I'll buy you the biggest steak dinner in town."

Kephart can't wait to tie into that T-bone.

SCHOOLBOY SUPER-STARS

The elite of the "Friday Night Heroes"

By DOYLE MAY *Oklahoma City*

SPEED AND SIZE, the commodities football coaches value most, will be abundant among the "Friday Night Heroes" in the Big Eight area in 1973.

Of 24 players selected to the offensive and defensive units of this magazine's "Schoolboy Superstars of 1973," 19 can move 40 yards in five seconds or less and seven have been clocked in 4.6 or less. Four defensive linemen weigh 225 or more and five offensive linemen are over 210.

One college coach says 1973 will be a plush year for the coaches going after big, fast down linemen and outstanding running backs. The quarterback crop in the six-state area doesn't appear to be as ripe as a year ago.

The second annual Big Eight magazine's Superstar selections were produced through an intensive screening process that started with nominations from some 2,000 high school coaches in the area.

Following the initial questionnaire, coaches were asked to evaluate their own personnel and that of opponents. Interviews with college recruiters helped complete the 12-man defensive unit and the 12-man offensive squad. This screening also produced a list of the top 100 prospects in the Big Eight which can be found on page 130.

Last year, the superstar squad was not divided into units, but it appears now that the homework produced results. Of the top 12 selections, eight made high school all-American.

Some of the statistics carried by prep stars into the 1973 campaign border on the fantastic. There's a quarterback at Fairview High School in Boulder named Jeff Knapple who accounted for 30 touchdowns and 2,231 total yards last season. Vaughn Lusby, a tailback at Lawton MacArthur (Okla.) scored an incredible seven touchdowns in one game last season. He's scored 50 TD's in two years. Omaha, Neb., Benson has a 5-4, 140-pound mighty mite named Robert Bass who accounted for 1,982 yards last season and has scored 29 touchdowns over two years.

The list goes on, but more about the 1973 stars later. In case you're wondering about the top choices of last year, they did quite well, thank you.

Colorado landed the two top quarterbacks, Tom Tesone of Cherry Creek, Colo., and Ted Cox of Gretna, Neb. Tulsa Memorial guard Ross Murphy signed with Texas Tech. David James, the sizzling sprinter from Pauls Valley, Okla., cast his lot with Oklahoma. Elijah Davis, Junction City, Kan., was signed by Arkansas after a brilliant season. Doug Simcik, North Glenn, Colo., accumulated 2,700 yards last season, and subsequently inked with the Sooners.

The talent is about evenly distributed over the six states. Oklahoma has six representatives among the prospective blue-chippers, Colorado has five, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas three each and Nebraska two. There's a 6-4, 265-pound end from Illinois named Bob Cryder who crashed the elite group because his school, O'Fallon, is included in the St. Louis metro area. It's only 15 miles from St. Louis.

Because most high school players must play both ways, some of the defensive selections have glossy offensive statistics. For instance, defensive halfback Titus Lawson of Lawton, Okla., has had two straight 1,000 yard rushing seasons. And safety Dave Reynolds of El Dorado, Kan., has rushed for more than 3,000 yards in two years.

Named to the top offensive backfield were quarterback Knapple and running backs Bass,Lusby, Jeff Hilliar of Webster Groves, Mo., and Curtis Craig of Davenport, Iowa.

Offensive linemen include Cryder and Mike Stensrud of Lake Mills, Iowa at tackles, Ben Young of Ponca City, Okla., and Terry Miller of Colorado Springs Mitchell, at ends, Jody Farthing of Midwest City, Okla., and Tom Ohrt of Millard, Neb., at guards and Mike Larsen of Harlan, Iowa at center.

Knapple, 6-3 and 195, barely edged out Phill Hegg, 6-6 and 195 from Hudson, Iowa and Dean Blevins of Norman, Okla., at quarterback. Blevins probably is the outstanding basketball player in Oklahoma but an injury permitted him to play less than half of the football season. Hegg, also a fine defensive end, sparked his team to an 8-0 record and won Ford's national punt, pass and kick contest as a junior. He plays four sports. "A great college prospect," says his coach, Ed Nelson.

The ends, Young and Miller, are also at home in the backfield. Miller, a 9.5 sprinter, "is a great college and pro prospect," says his coach. He has never lost a race in the 100 or 220. .

Young, who runs the 40 in 4.5, is 6-3 and 205. His coach, Jerry Runyan, plans to use him as a running back in 1973. Young caught 55 passes for 984 yards and 10 touchdowns last season.

The premier accolade had to come from coach Sherm Price of Great Bend, Kan., in describing his defensive standout, James Emerson, a 6-3, 245-pounder.

"James is a member of our local Fellowship of Christian Athletes and speaks before church and civic groups. For a young black man in a predominantly white school, James is a very strong leader and very influential."

Emerson is on the defensive unit as a tackle alongside Jeff Ward, a 6-5, 265-pounder from Moore, Okla., who won his state's heavyweight wrestling championship last winter.

The area abounds with top linebackers, headed by Tim Weaver of Arvada West, Colo., Myron Shoate of Spiro, Okla., and Jim Young of Parkwood High, Joplin, Mo.

Halfbacks are 6-0, 175-pound Steve Little of Shawnee Mission South, and Lawson, a 5-10, 185-pounder.

At safety are 6-2, 200-pound Gary Washington of Colorado Springs, and Reynolds, the 5-11, 185-pound Kansan who runs the hundred under 10 and probably will receive scholarship offers as a running back. Washington was named the Defensive Back of the Year in the Southwest by a national prep magazine.

You can expect a lot of other names to come to the top during the 1973 season. A lot of players don't develop, or often can't make their team, until their senior season.

But the youngsters you've been reading about above appear to be the cream of the crop, as seen by college and high school coaches and the sportswriters who chronicle the "Friday Night Heroes."

Please turn the page.

SCHOOLBOY SUPER STARS

The elite of the "Friday Night Heroes"

OFFENSIVE TEAM

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SECOND TEAM

E	**JEFF JURGENS,** 5-10, 170 (4.8) North Platte, Neb.
T	**FRANK OSBORN,** 6-4, 240 (5.0) Grenola, Ks.
G	**DAVE SMITH,** 6-0, 225 (5.0) Des Moines, Ia.
C	**ROBERT ROSS,** 6-3, 269 (5.3) Clinton, Ok.
G	**RICK JUCHEMS,** 6-2, 238 (5.2) Conrad, Iowa
T	**RANDY POESCHL,** 6-6, 205, Fremont, Neb.
SE	**BILLY LYNN,** 6-0, 170 (4.6) Elk City, Ok.
QB	**DEAN BLEVINS,** 6-0, 180 (4.8) Norman, Ok.
RB	**MARK FURLONG,** 5-9, 165, LaDue, Mo.
RB	**DARRELL WALTON,** 5-11, 170 (4.5) Omaha, Neb.
RB	**RICK GROSS,** 6-1, 180, Dodge City, Ks.

QUARTERBACK

JEFF KNAPPLE, Fairview High, Boulder, Colo. (6-3, 195)—Accounted for 30 touchdowns last season as a junior, his second as Fairview's starting quarterback. Good speed (4.7 for the 40) and a great passer. He hit 89 of 162 aerial attempts for 1,517 yards and 17 touchdowns in 1972. Rushed for 714 yards on 89 carries for 7.9 yards per game. Passed for 257 yards and rushed for 154 for 411 total in one game. Named to Who's Who in National High School Football for 1973.

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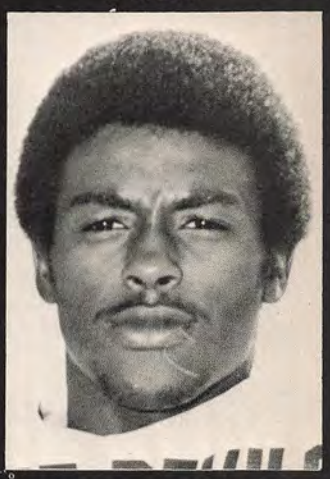

CURTIS CRAIG, Central High Davenport, Iowa. (5-11, 170)—Started every game for two years. All-Metro back-of-the-year in 1972. Cornerback on defense and handles punting and placements. Runs 40 in 4.6. In one game, returned a kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown and later intercepted a pass and went 35 yards for another score. As a sophomore, ran 99 yards for a TD in an inter-city game. Rated by his coach, Jim Fox, as one of the top all-around prep players in the nation.

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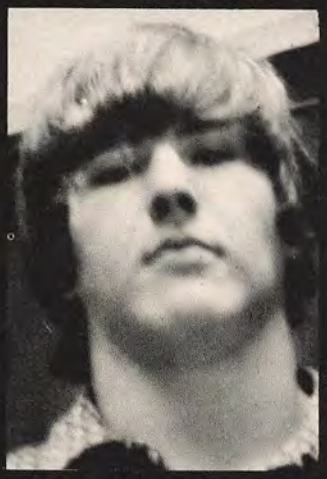

BOB CRYDER, O'Fallon, Ill. (6-4, 265)—All-State and St. Louis All-Metro. Won't be 17 until late October, prompting coach to believe that he'll keep getting better. Averaged eight tackles per game, although opponents quickly learned to run from his area. Started as a sophomore. Runs 40 in 5.0, which is amazing for a 265-pounder. Rated high on all Big Eight coaches lists as one of the preps to watch in 1973. Grew two inches and gained 35 pounds between soph and junior season.

GUARD

TOM OHRT, Millard High, Omaha, Neb. (6-4, 220)—His team has lost only one game in two years he has been a two-way regular. An honor roll student. Was all-conference last season by unanimous vote. His coach, Don Bailey, calls him very strong and aggressive and a candidate for lineman-of-the-year honors. Plays offensive tackle and guard and defensive end. "Our backs follow Tom. They know there'll be a hole there," his coach says. Runs the 40 in 5.0.

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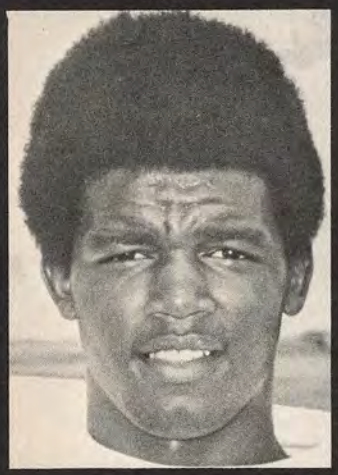

VAUGHN LUSBY, MacArthur High, Lawton, Okla. (5-10, 175)—Has scored 50 touchdowns past two seasons, including an incredible seven-touchdown, 327-yard effort in one game when he scored on runs of 96, 87, 72, and 55 yards. As a junior, rushed for 100 or more yards in seven games while netting 1,369 yards and 7.9 average. Led team with 16 pass receptions. Caught 23 passes as a sophomore and rushed for 1,030 yards. Has eight interceptions past two seasons.

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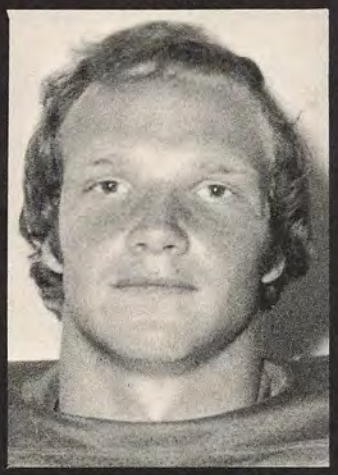

JEFF HILLIAR, Webster Groves, Mo. (5-10, 185)—No. 1 running back in St. Louis area as a junior when he averaged 9.6 per carry with 1,046 yards and 15 touchdowns, including several long distance jaunts. Runs 40 in 4.6. Rated a complete athlete by his coaching staff because of outstanding blocking and leadership ability, on and off the field. Has quickness to go with unusual strength. Described as another Walt Garrison, former OSU star now with the Dallas Cowboys.

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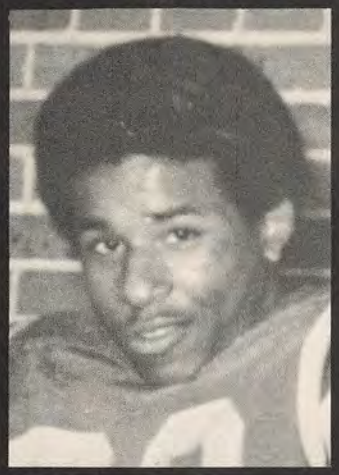

ROBERT BASS, Benson High, Omaha, Neb. (5-4, 140)—All-State and All-Metro, this explosive mighty mite accounted for 1,982 yards rushing, receiving and kick returning in 1972. Has scored 29 touchdowns last two seasons. As junior, rushed for 1,041 yards, caught 24 passes for 318 yards and averaged 29.5 on punt returns and 28.0 on kickoff returns. Has 4.8 speed in 40, and has moves to get away from the crowd. Scored 12 touchdowns as soph with a 90-yard kickoff return and a 74-yard TD gallop.

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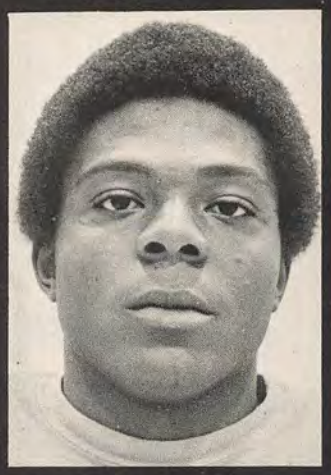

TERRY MILLER, Mitchell High, Colorado Springs, Colo. (5-10, 170)—A 9.6 sprinter with 4.5 speed in the 40. Undefeated in the 100 and 220 in track. Led Mitchell to state championship, averaging 7.4 yarde as a rusher and 28.6 yards per reception. A three-sport athlete. Has great hands and can explode after catching the football. Regarded by coaches as one of the top wide receiver prospects in the Big Eight area. He'll be used as a running back also in 1973.

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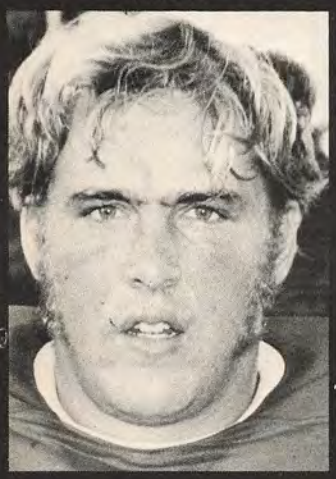

MIKE LARSEN, Harlan, Iowa. (6-2, 230)—Also an outstanding back. Averaged 5.1 yards as a fullback, but was even more valuable as a blocker. Only junior named to all-district team. Paced Harlan to state 3A championship. A rugged middle linebacker on defense. Considered one of Iowa's top prospects. "He comes up with his best games against our toughest foes," the coach says. State qualifier in wrestling. 58-foot shot putter, and 170-yard discus man. Runs 40 in 5.0.

GUARD

JODY FARTHING, Midwest City, Okla. (6-0, 218)—Another in a long line of great linemen produced by coach Jim Darnell. A great blocker, Jody made more of an impression last season as a defender when he was named to the all-city team as a linebacker. Started as a defensive tackle as a sophomore. Exceptional quickness. Runs the 40 in 4.9. A dedicated athlete who excels in the classroom, too. Has attracted the attention of OU and OSU coaches. Definitely a blue-chip candidate.

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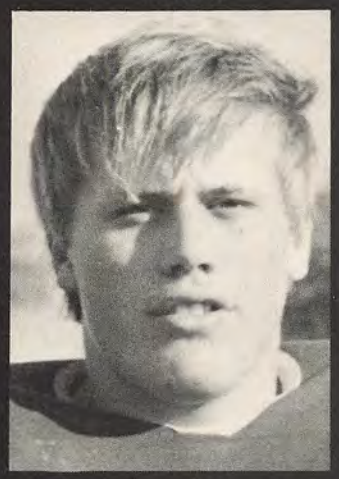

MIKE STENSRUD, Lake Mills, Iowa (6-4, 260)—His outstanding line play last two seasons has led Lake Mills to a 15-1 record. Ranked No. 1 by UPI in class 2A last season. A two-year starter, Mike can do the 40 in 5.1. Plays both ways because of quickness, agility, and strength. A guard on offense, he lines up at tackle or noseguard on defense. Averaged 15 tackles per game as a junior. Top-notch weight-lifter. Rated among top major college prospects in Iowa. Player-of-year material.

TIGHT END

BEN YOUNG, Ponca City, Okla. (8-3, 205)—Caught 55 passes for 984 yards as a junior, when he ran 40 in 4.5. His coach, Jerry Runyan, says Ben will be used at fullback or tailback in 1973. "With Ben in the backfield, we think we can run inside on most of our opponents," his coach said. Scored 10 touchdowns in '72 when he was the Wildcats' top receiver, kick-off man and No. 1 kick returner. All-Conference. An excellent student. A strong candidate for player-of-the-year honors in Oklahoma.

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DEFENSIVE TEAM

CORNERBACK

DAVE REYNOLDS, El Dorado, Kan. (5-11, 185)—A solid two-way performer for a team that went 8-1 last season. Runs 40 in 4.6. A sure tackler with an instinct of getting to the ball on defense. An honor student rated by his coach, Dan Lankas, as one of Kansas' top prospects. Has rushed for more than 3,000 yards past two years. Averaged 6.7 yards per carry in 1972. Ran a 10-flat hundred as a freshman. Now does 9.7. Honorable mention all-state. All Conference.

END

MARK BOYER, Shawnee Mission, Kan. (6-0, 220)—Made All State as a junior last year. Involved in a total of 138 tackles, 43 of which were unassisted. Intercepted 2 passes and returned each more than 30 yards. Has been clocked at 5.0 in the 40. "Mark is a very dedicated athlete and an excellent college prospect." Also a good offensive lineman with good quickness off the ball. Excellent student with a 3.4 grade average.

SECOND TEAM

E	**JEFF HOLCOMB,** 6-4, 225, Bettendorf, Ia.
T	**CURTIS CRUESOE,** 6-6, 245, Sumner, Mo.
NG	**BOB PFISTER,** 6-5, 215 (4.9) Lewiston, Neb.
T	**JOHN BOWLSBY,** 6-4, 230 (5.1) Waterloo, Ia.
E	**MIKE OPPERMAN,** 6-3, 200, Lakewood Colo.
LB	**DEAN SCHOCK,** 6-2, 205, Aurora, Colo.
LB	**MIKE PARROTT,** 6-3, 215, Springfield, Mo.
LB	**JOHN BUNCH,** 6-1, 190 (4.6) Spiro, Ok.
HB	**CALIB ROWE,** 5-11, 180 (4.6) Leavenworth, Ks.
HB	**JEROME HEAVENS,** 6-0, 200 (4.6) E. St. Louis, Ill.
S	**PAT LEHIGH,** 5-10, 175 (4.5) Lincoln, Neb.
S	**BILL CAMPFIELD,** 6-1, 175 (9.9) Derby, Ks.

CORNERBACK

TITUS LAWSON, Lawton, Okla. (5-10, 180)—One of Oklahoma's top running backs. A hard-hitter on defense and excellent pass defender. Fastest man on defensive unit with 4.6 speed in 40. Rushed for more than 2,100 yards past two years, including 1,125 as sophomore and 1,019 as junior. Scored 16 touchdowns in 1971 and 14 last season. Rushed for 253 yards in 12 carries against Tulsa Rogers, scoring on runs of 63 and 58 yards. Has had 14 games over 100 yards.

SAFETY

GARY WASHINGTON, Colorado Springs, Colo. (6-2, 200)—Selected as the Defensive Back of the Year for the Southwest by a national magazine. Gary attends Colorado's School for the Deaf and Blind and will be ineligible to participate as a senior due to the extra year in his school's curriccu-lum. Selected for the Fred Steinmark Award which is given annually to the most outstanding scholar-athlete in Colorado. Washington will be highly recruited in spite of his year's absence from the grid iron.

TACKLE

JAMES EMERSON, Great Bend, Kan. (6-3, 245)—A unanimous all-district choice from team that shared title with 7-2 record. Runs the 40 in 5.0. Top cager and track man, also. "James is the finest all-around athlete I've coached," says Sherm Price. "He's a member of FCA and speaks before church and civic groups. For a young black man in a predominantly white school, James is a strong leader." Plays tackle on defense, and tight end on offense. Has great quickness. A Kansas blue-chip prospect.

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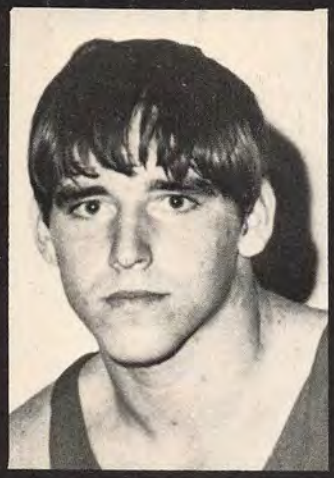
RANDY WEPLER, Liberty, Mo. (6-3, 225)—A two-year starter and one of Liberty's top athletes. A 50-foot shot-putter and a sprinter. Runs the 40 in 4.9. As a defensive tackle, he stole the ball from the quarterback and ran 30 yards to score and helped his team to an upset win. Was second on team in tackles ana fumble recovers. An all-conference choice. Opposing coaches rate him the No. 1 prospect in the league. "He's a pro prospect," said one. Another calls him best lineman in the state.

TACKLE



JEFF WARD, Moore, Okla. (6-3, 250)—Could be best lineman in Oklahoma. Cat-quick. Runs 40 in 4.9. Won state high school wrestling title last winter. A two-year starter. Can play both ways. His coach, Glen Wolfe, calls him the best down lineman in the state. Excels at peeling away blockers on pass plays. Once made 27 tackles in a single game. Has helped Moore to 15 wins the past two seasons. Can pick college he wants, either in football or wrestling.

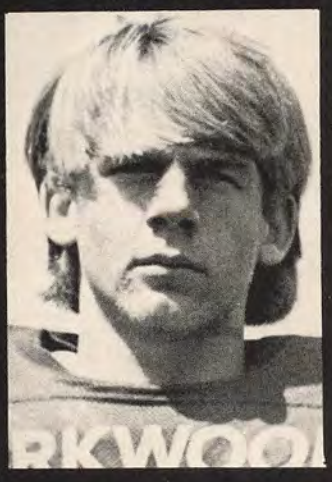
END

PHIL HEGG, Hudson, Iowa. (6-6, 195)—A four-sport star who is an excellent major college prospect either at quarterback or defensive end, which he played in 1971 as a soph when Hudson went 8-0. Last year, Hegg rushed for 251 yards and completed 57 of 112 passes for 981 yards. He scored 74 points. Earned all-conference honors in football and basketball. Ran the open quarter in track when he wasn't serving as the No. 1 pitcher for Hudson's baseball team.

SAFETY

STEVE LITTLE, South High Shawnee Mission, Kan. (6-0, 175)—Learned soccer-style kicking in Sweden, and booted field goals of 47, 42, 35, 32, and 29 yards last season. Intercepted 10 passes. Returned an intercepted pitchout 72 yards for a touchdown. Averaged 39.6 yards as a punter. Led secondary in tackles, interceptions and blocked passes. Has 4.8 speed in 40. Will be tried at quarterback this season. An excellent student.

LINEBACKER



JIM YOUNG, Parkwood High, Joplin, Mo. (6-4, 205)—Averaged 15 tackles per game at middle linebacker and intercepted five passes last season. Has 4.8 speed. Covers the field from sideline-to sideline, says coach Dewey Combs, who calls Young the "best linebacker I've ever coached." A good athlete, Jim played all four positions in Parkwood's Wishbone backfield. Contributed heavily as a running back and receiver. Some college coaches rate him the top defensive prospect in Missouri.

LINEBACKER

MYRON SHOATE, Spiro, Okla. (6-0, 190)—Younger brother of Oklahoma's all-Big Eight linebacker, Rod Shoate. Myron led Spiro to a 9-1 record last season. Made all-state. 3.0 grade average. Runs 40 in 4.6. Averaged 15 tackles per game. Made an incredible 30 tackles against Checotah. Fullback on offense, punter and place-kicker. He rushed for 1,104 yards, averaging 7.9. Scored 10 TD's, five on runs of more than 50 yards. Intercepted five passes. A hurdler, sprinter in track.

LINEBACKER

TIM WEAVER, Arvada West High, Colo. (6-2, 200)- As a fullback, scored seven touchdowns in three playoff games during team's 13-0, state championship season. Linebacker in 6-1 alignment. Made 79 unassisted tackles, helped on 56 others. Blocked two kicks, five passes and sacked quarterback six times. Made all-state, all-conference, all-southwestern and national honor society. Weight-lifting team won state title. Also outstanding pitcher. 4.8 speed in 40.

TOP 100

QUARTERBACKS (10)

Jeff Napple, 6-2, 185 (4.8) Boulder, Colo.
Dean Blevins, 6-0, 180 (4.8) Norman, Ok.
Phil Hegg, 6-6, 195 (4.8) Hudson, Ia.
Ted Harvey, 5-10, 165 (4.7) Lexington, Neb.
Mike Lloyd, 6-3, 195 (4.9) Joplin, Mo.
Dennis Olds, 6-4, 220, Topeka, Ks.
Paul Shortal, 5-10, 160, DeSmet, Mo.
Mike McLellan, 6-1, 190 (4.6) Denver Kennedy, Colo.
Chuck Faubion, 6-5, 195 (5.0) Hays, Ks.
Steve Mixon, 6-2, 180 (4.6) Stroud, Ok.

RUNNING BACKS (38)

Titus Lawson, 5-10, 185 (4.6) Lawton, Ok.
Curtis Craig, 5-11, 170, Davenport, Ia.
Terry Miller, 5-10, 170 (9.6) Colorado Springs, Colo.
Jeff Hilliar, 5-10, 185, Webster Groves, Mo.
Vaughn Lusby, 5-10, 176 (4.6) Lawton, Ok.
Gary Washington, 6-2, 200 (4.7) Colorado Springs, Colo.
Robert Bass, 5-5, 155 (4.8) Omaha, Neb.
Dave Reynolds, 5-11, 185 (9.9) El Dorado, Ks.
Pat Lehigh, 5-10, 175 (4.5) Lincoln, Neb.
Mark Furlong, 5-9, 165 (4.6) LaDue, Mo.
Dean Schock, 6-2, 205, Aurora, Colo.
Rick Grose, 6-1, 180, Dodge City, Ks.
Darrell Walton, 5-11, 170 (4.5) Omaha, Neb.
Jerome Heavens, 6-0, 200, E. St. Louis Assumption, Ill.
Bill Campfield, 6-1, 175 (9.9) Derby, Ks.
Art Aksamit, 6-1, 180 (4.9) Lincoln, Neb.
Calib Rowe, 5-11, 180 (4.6) Leavenworth, Ks.
Steve Little, 6-0, 175 (4.8) Shawnee Mission S., Ks.
Ben Cowins, 6-0, 177, Sumner, Mo.
Steve Shelley, 6-3, 195, Ft. Zumwalt
Dave Highfill, 5-10, 175 (4.5) Shawnee Mission E., Ks.
John Bunch, 6-1, 190 (4.6) Spiro, Ok.
Terry Gibson, 5-10, 170 (4.6) Salida, Colo.
Dale Stone, 6-2, 180, Lymon, Colo.
Norm Montgomery, 6-1, 185 (4.7) East Waterloo, Ia.
Darryl Triplett, 5-11, 175, Sutherland, Ia.
Keith Stribe, 5-11, 180 (4.6) Manning, Ia.
Reggie Caine, 6-1, 185 (4.7) West Waterloo, Ia.
Ken Stracener, 6-2, 200 (4.8) Clinton, Ia.
Loren Sides, 5-8, 175 (4.7) Jackson, Mo.
Jack Meyers, 6-3, 190, Downs, Ks.
Wes Hawkins, 5-10, 165 (4.6) Bristow, Ok.
Jim Tesone, 5-10, 190, Englewood, Colo.
Pat Selby, 5-9, 180, Berkeley, Mo.
Kirby Vernon, 6-0, 170 (4.8) Salina, Ks.
Ray Pearl, 5-8, 175, Hugo, Ok.
Thad Palmer, 6-0, 195, El Reno, Ok.
Marvin Oliver, 6-1, 190 (4.6) West Waterloo, Ia.

ENDS (13)

Ben Young, 6-3, 205 (4.5) Ponca City, Ok.
Jeff Jurgens, 5-10, 170, North Platte, Neb.
Lamont Downer, 6-2, 180, University City, Mo.
Scott Anderson, 6-3, 205 (4.9) Mt. Pleasant, Ia.
Mike Opperman, 6-3, 200, Lakewood, Colo.
Jerry Holland, 5-8, 155, Kansas City Mo.
Pat Olearnick, 6-1, 185, Ft. Logan, Colo.
Billy Lynn, 6-0, 170 (4.6) Elk City, Ok.
Mark Tullous, 6-2, 210, Belleview, Neb.
Jeff Holcomb, 6-4, 225, Bettendorf, Ia.
Stanford Cherry, 6-3, 215 (4.9) Tuttle, Ok.
Randy Strandberg, 5-10, 140, Arvada West, Colo.
Mike Mallett, 6-2, 200 (4.7) Greeley West, Colo.

LINEMEN (36)

Jeff Ward, 6-6,270 (5.0) Moore, Ok.
Tom Ohrt, 6-4, 220 (5.0) Millard, Neb.
Mike Stensrude, 6-4, 260, Lake Mills, Ia.
Bob Cryder, 6-4, 265, O'Fallon, Ill.
James Emerson,6-3, 245 (5.0) Great Bend, Ks.
Tom Shuey, 5-11, 230, St. Louis Hazelwood, Mo.
John Bowlsby, 6-4, 230 (5.1) West Waterloo, Ia.
Mike Larsen, 6-2, 230 (5.0) Harlan, Ia.
Robert Ross, 6-3, 269 (5.3) Clinton, Ok.
Frank Osborn, 6-4, 240 (5.0) Grenola, Ks.
Randy Poeschl, 6-6, 205, Fremont, Neb.
Mark Boyer, 6-0, 220 (5.0) Shawnee Mission NW, Ks.
Randy Wepler, 6-3, 225 (4.9) Liberty, Mo.
Bob Pfister, 6-5, 215 (4.9) Lewiston, Neb.
Curtis Cruesoe, 6-6, 245, Sumner, Mo.
Dave Smith, 6-0, 225 (5.0) Des Moines, Ia.
Buddy Gray, St. Joseph Benton, Mo.
Floyd Dorsey, 6-4, 205 (5.0) Shawnee Mission S., Ks.
Kurt Wolfenberger, 6-2, 225 (5.2) Hutchinson, Ks.
Mike Chariss, 6-2, 220 (4.9) Hobart, Ok.
Russell Shields, 6-8, 200, St. John, Ks.
Jeff Trotter, 6-3, 200 (5.1) Plattsburg, Mo.
Gary Jurczyh, 6-3, 215, St. Louis Normandy, Mo.
Greg Oh, 6-3, 245 (5.2) Union Star, Mo.
Rich Belina, 6-3, 200 (4.8) Howells, Neb.
Glen Sullivan, 6-0, 202, Lincoln, Neb.
Richard Edson, 6-3, 210, Farnan, Neb.
Karl Baldischwiler, 6-5, 215 (5.1) Okmulgee, Ok.
Chris Dawson, 6-3, 225 (5.1) Shawnee, Ok.
Steve Imhoff, 6-4, 210 (5.0) Norman, Ok.
Rick Juchems, 6-2, 235 (5.1) Conrad, Ia.
Kevin Allen, 6-1, 210 (5.0) Ames, Ia.
Mark Boehm, 6-0, 225, (5.0) Council Bluffs, Ia.
Jeff Boyd, 6-2, 218 (5.1) Caruthersville, Mo.
Louie Iwert, 6-5, 230 (4.9) Morrowville, Ks.
Doug Kiley, 6-2, 225 (4.9) Denver Kennedy, Colo.

LINEBACKERS (11)

Myron Shoate, 6-0, 190 (4.6) Spiro, Ok.
Jim Young, 6-4, 205 (4.8) Joplin Parkwood, Mo.
Tim Weaver, 6-2, 200 (4.8) Arvada West, Colo.
Mike Parrott, 6-3, 215, Springfield, Mo.
Gary Spani, 6-2, 190, Manhattan, Ks.
Paul Taylor, 6-2, 195 (4.7) Joplin Memorial, Mo.
Rob Wood, 6-1, 195, Durango, Colo.
Kevin Lloyd, 6-0, 190 (4.9) Mobille, Ia.
Alan England, 5-11, 200, Dexter, Mo.
Jim Baker, 6-4, 210, Wheatridge, Colo.
Nick Guthrie, 6-0, 195, Roaring Fork, Colo.

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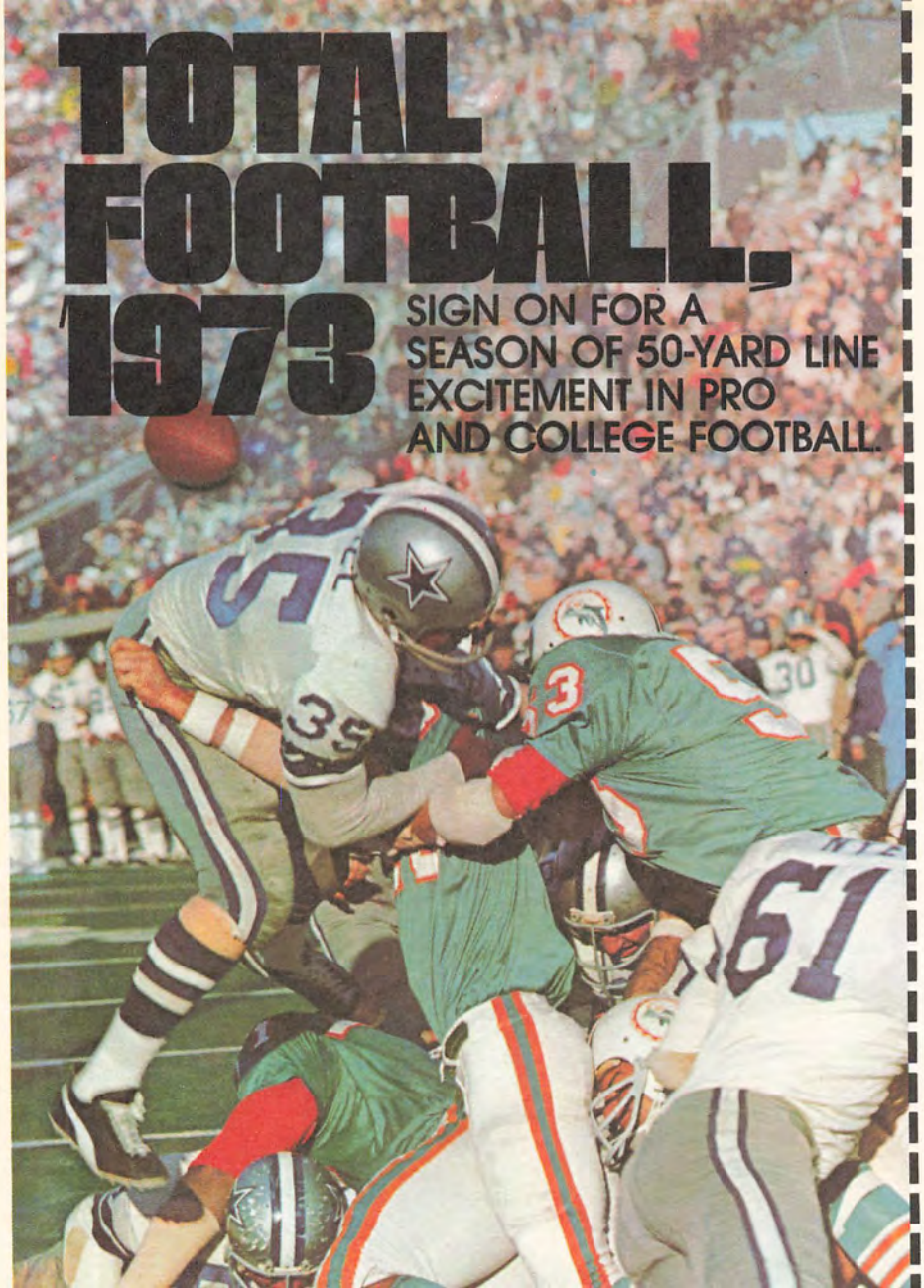

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